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: Advanced Uses of Pointers **Topic**

Program : Inventory2

Definition : The program is a modification of the parts database program of Laboratory 27-07-2021 (the original program), with the database stored in a linked list this time.

Advantages of using a linked list:

- No need to put a limit on the size of the database.
- Database can easily be kept sorted by part number. In the original program, the database wasn't sorted.

The part structure will contain an additional member (a pointer to the next node) and inventory will point to the first node in the list.

Most of the functions in the new program will closely resemble their counterparts in the original program. find part and insert will be more complex, however, since we'll keep the nodes in the inventory list sorted by part number.

In the original program, find part returns an index into the inventory array. In the new program, find_part will return a pointer to the node that contains the desired part number. If it doesn't find the part number, find_part will return a null pointer. Since the list of parts is sorted, find_part can stop when it finds a node containing a part number that's greater than or equal to the desired part number. When the loop terminates, we'll need to test whether the part was found.

The original version of *insert* stores a new part in the next available array element. The new version must determine where the new part belongs in the list and insert it there. It will also check whether the part number is already present in the list.

Try to write erase function: The codes e (erase) will be used to represent delete operation. Prompts the user to enter a part number. Prints an error message if the part doesn't exist; otherwise, removes the part from the database.

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Topic : Basics Types, Formatted I/O, Expressions, Selection Statements, Loops, Functions,

Program Organization

Program : Guessing a Number

Definition: The program generates a random number between 1 and 100, which the user attempts to guess in as few tries as possible.

This program has several different tasks:

✓ **Initializing the random number generator:** Initializes the random number generator using the time of day. It relies on the *time()*, *srand()*, and *rand()* functions to generate random number.

- ✓ **Choosing a secret number:** Randomly selects a number between 1 and 100 and stores it in an external variable.
- ✓ Interacting with the user: Repeatedly reads user guesses and tells the user whether each is too low, too high, or correct. When the guess is correct, prints the total number of guesses and returns. The interaction will continue until the correct number is picked.

Expected output:

```
Guess the secret number between 1 and 100
A new number has been chosen.
Enter guess: 50
Too high; try again.
Enter guess: 25
Too low; try again.
Enter guess: 40
Too high; try again.
Enter guess: 30
Too low; try again.
Enter guess: 35
Too low; try again.
Enter guess: 38
Too high; try again.
Enter guess: 36
Too low; try again.
Enter guess: 37
You won in 8 quesses!
Play again? (Y/N)y
A new number has been chosen.
Enter quess: 65
Too low; try again.
Enter guess: 85
Too low; try again.
Enter guess: 95
Too high; try again.
Enter guess: 90
Too low; try again.
Enter guess: 93
Too high; try again.
Enter guess: 91
You won in 6 quesses!
Play again? (Y/N)n
```

Modify the program:

This program uses an external variable <code>secret_number</code>. When we move <code>secret_number</code> as local variable into main function, you should alter **Choosing a secret number** task that returns the new number. You should rewrite <code>Interacting with the user</code> task that <code>secret_number</code> can be passed to it as an argument.

Topic : Pointers

Program : Selection Sort

Definition : The program sorts the elements of array in either ascending or descending order by using selection sort technique.

This program has several different tasks:

- ✓ **Sorting elements by using selection sort:** Selection sort algorithm divides the list into two parts:
 - the sorted part at the left end that is empty.
 - o the unsorted part at the right end that is the entire list.

In main program, the user selects sorting order either ascending or descending. According to sorting order, (1) the smallest (minimum) element is selected for ascending order (2) the biggest (maximum) element is selected for descending order, from unsorted array and swapped with the leftmost element. That element becomes a part of the sorted array. In every iteration of algorithm, either the minimum element (considering ascending order) or the maximum element (considering descending order) from the unsorted subarray is moved to the sorted subarray.

Assume that the following array contains integer elements where LENGTH is the size of array. int my_array[LENGTH] = {12, 36, 27, 8, 77, 43, 22, 58, 60, 85};

Sort the given array by using "void selection_sort(int array[], char s_order)" function.

- Swapping elements: Swap the first element with the second element by using "void swap(int *first, int *second)" function.
- ✓ Printing array: Print the given array by using "void display_array(int array[])" function.

Expected output:

Ascending order:

The a	array bef	ore sort	:						
12	36	27	8	77	43	22	58	60	85
Choos	se the so	rting or	der (eit	her asce	nding or	descend	ing) (A/	D) : A	
The a	array aft	er selec	tion sor	t:					
8	12	22	27	36	43	58	60	77	85

Descending order:

The ar	rray bef	ore sort	:								
12	36	27	8	77	43	22	58	60	85		
Choose the sorting order (either ascending or descending) (A/D) :											
The array after selection sort:											
85	77	60	58	43	36	27	22	12	8		

Topic: Pointers and Arrays

Program: Find mode, arithmetic mean, and harmonic mean

Definition : The program finds the mode of array and calculates both arithmetic and harmonic mean.

Mode: The most common value in a set of numerical values.

Median: The middle value if all values in a set of numerical values were ordered.

Arithmetic mean: The average of a set of numerical values, as calculated by adding them together and dividing by the number of terms in the set.

Arithmetic mean =
$$\frac{\sum_{i=0}^{N} X_i}{N}$$
 where N is the number of values in a set

Harmonic mean: The reciprocal of the arithmetic mean of a set of numerical values, as calculated the number of values divided by adding reciprocal of the values (one over each value).

Harmonic mean =
$$\frac{N}{\sum_{i=0}^{N} \frac{1}{X_i}}$$
 where N is the number of values in a set

Use the following functions prototype to develop main function.

int find_mode(int array[], int size);

void calculate_arithmetic_mean(int array[], int size, float *a_mean);

void calculate_harmonic_mean(int array[], int size, float *h_mean);

void printArray(int array[], int size)

Expected output:

Modify the program: Try to find the median of the array.

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Topic : Strings

Program : Palindrome

Definition

Palindrome: The letters in the message are the same from left to right as from right to left.

First program: The program reads a message and checks whether it is a palindrome.

Second program: The program checks command-line argument whether it is a palindrome.

Expected output:

Enter a message: He lived as a Devil, eh? Palindrome

Enter a message: How are you? Not a palindrome

Enter a message: madam Palindrome

Topic : The Preprocessor

Program : Preprocessor

Definition: The program includes different macros such as simple, parameterized, predefined.

- ➤ Use predefined macros to print file information. "File information is given below" message is simple macro definition.
- > Use parameterized macros
 - To add two numbers.
 - To subtract two numbers that are constant values.
 - To print "Hello John Doe. Welcome to CSE2002 Programming II Lab!", define "message_for(name, surname)" by using # operator.

➤ Use Conditional Compilation to assign bigger number as first number before using subtraction macro.

Expected output:

```
File information is given below.

File :preprocessor.c

Date :Feb 5 2021

Time :17:46:54

Line :24

ANSI :1

Hello John Doe. Welcome to CSE2002 Programming II Lab!
Enter first number:5
Enter second number:6
The summation of 5 and 6 is 11
The subtraction of 8 and 9 is calculated.
9 - 8 = 1
```

Question: Show that the following program will look like after preprocessing.

```
#define N = 10
#define INC(x) x+1
#define SUB (x,y) x-y
#define SQR(x) ((x)*(x))
#define CUBE(x) (SQR(x)*(x))
#define M1(x,y) x##y
#define M2(x,y) #x #y
int main(void)
  int a[N], i, j, k, m;
#ifdef N
  i = j;
#else
  j = i;
#endif
  i = 10 * INC(j);
  i = SUB(j, k);
   i = SQR(SQR(j));
   i = CUBE(j);
  i = M1(j, k);
puts(M2(i, j));
 #undef SQR
  i = SQR(j);
 #define SQR
   i = SQR(j);
   return 0;
```

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Topic : Structures, Unions, and Enumerations

Program: Inventory

Definition: The program tracks parts stored in a warehouse. Information about the parts is stored in an array of structures. Contents of each structure: Part number, Name, Quantity.

Operations supported by the program:

- Add a new part number, part name, and initial quantity on hand. Prints an error message and returns prematurely if the part already exists or the database is full.
- Figure Given a part number, print the name of the part and the current quantity on hand if the part number is found; otherwise prints an error message.
- ➤ Given a part number, change the quantity on hand if the part already exists; otherwise print an error message.
- Print a table showing all information in the database.
- > Terminate program execution.

The program prompts the user to enter an operation code, then calls a function to perform the requested action. The codes i (insert), s (search), u (update), p (print), and q (quit) will be used to represent these operations. Repeats until the user enters the command 'q'. Prints an error message if the user enters an illegal code.

Modify read_line function in Laboratory 13-07-2021:

The version of *read_line* in *Chapter 13:Strings* won't work properly in the current program. Consider what happens when the user inserts a part:

Enter part number: 528

Enter part name: Disk drive

The user presses the Enter key after entering the part number, leaving an invisible new-line character that the program must read. When *scanf* reads the part number, it consumes the 5, 2, and 8, but leaves the new-line character unread. If we try to read the part name using the original *read_line* function, it will encounter the new-line character immediately and stop reading. This problem is common when numerical input is followed by character input. One solution is to write a version of *read_line* that skips white-space characters before it begins storing characters. This solves the new-line problem and also allows us to avoid storing blanks that precede the part name.

Expected output:

```
Enter operation code: i
Enter part number: 528
Enter part name: Disk drive
Enter quantity on hand: 10
Enter operation code: s
Enter part number: 528
Part name: Disk drive
Quantity on hand: 10
Enter operation code: s
Enter part number: 914
Part not found.
Enter operation code: i
Enter part number: 914
Enter part name: Printer cable
Enter quantity on hand: 5
Enter operation code: u
Enter part number: 528
Enter change in quantity on hand: -2
Enter operation code: u
Enter part number: 915
Part not found.
Enter operation code: u
Enter part number: 914
Enter change in quantity on hand: +5
Enter operation code: p
Part Number
             Part Name
                                         Quantity on Hand
   528
              Disk drive
              Printer cable
    914
                                                 10
Enter operation code: w
Illegal code
Enter operation code: i
Enter part number: 25
Enter part name: Printer
Enter quantity on hand: 4
Enter operation code: p
Part Number
             Part Name
                                         Quantity on Hand
    25
              Printer
                                                 4
    528
              Disk drive
                                                 8
   914
              Printer cable
                                                 10
Enter operation code: q
```

Topic: Structures, Unions, and Enumerations

Program : Geometric Figures

Definition : The program that finds the area and perimeter(or circumference) of a geometric figure.

- ➤ Define structure types for each figure of interest including components for the figure's area and perimeter(or circumference), as well as components for those dimensions of the figure that are needed in computations of its area and perimeter.
- Then, define a union type with a component for each figure type.
- Finally, define a structure containing both a component of the union type and a component whose value denotes the correct interpretation of the union.

Circle: area, circumference, radius (radius must be greater than zero.)

Rectangle: area, perimeter, width, height (width and height must be greater than zero and not equal to each other.)

Square: area, perimeter, side (side must be greater than zero.)

Operations supported by the program:

- > gets the dimension data necessary to compute a figure's area and perimeter.
- computes the area of a figure given relevant dimensions.
- computes the perimeter of a figure given relevant dimensions.
- > prints each component of a given object.

The program prompts the user to enter an operation code, then calls a function to perform the requested action. The codes C (circle), R (rectangle) and S (square) will be used to represent these operations. Repeats until the user enters the command 'q'.

Expected output:

```
Area and Perimeter Computation Program
Enter a letter to indicate the object shape or Q to quit.
C(circle), R(rectangle) or S(square)> c
Enter radius> 0
       The value must be greater than ZERO.
Enter radius> -1
        The value must be greater than ZERO.
Enter radius> 2
Object is a circle whose members:
       Area:12.57
       Circumference:12.57
       Radius:2.00
Enter a letter to indicate the object shape or Q to quit.
C(circle), R(rectangle) or S(square)> r
Enter height> 0
       The value must be greater than ZERO.
Enter height> -1
       The value must be greater than ZERO.
Enter height> 3
Enter width> 0
       The value must be greater than ZERO or Width and height must not equal to each other.
Enter width> -2
       The value must be greater than ZERO or Width and height must not equal to each other.
Enter width> 3
        The value must be greater than ZERO or Width and height must not equal to each other.
Enter width> 6
Object is a rectangle whose members:
       Area:18.00
       Perimeter:18.00
       Width:6.00
       Height:3.00
Enter a letter to indicate the object shape or Q to quit.
C(circle), R(rectangle) or S(square)> s
Enter length of a side> 0
       The value must be greater than ZERO.
Enter length of a side> -2
       The value must be greater than ZERO.
Enter length of a side> 3
Object is a square whose members:
       Area:9.00
       Perimeter:12.00
       Side:3.00
Enter a letter to indicate the object shape or Q to quit.
C(circle), R(rectangle) or S(square)> Q
```

Rules for Writing Quality Code

Writing Quality Code

- Rule 1: Follow the Style Guide
- Rule 2: Create Descriptive Names
- Rule 3: Comment and Document
- Rule 4: Don't Repeat Yourself
- Rule 5: Check for Errors and Respond to Them
- Rule 6: Split Your Code into Short, Focused Units
- Rule 7: Use Framework APIs and Third-Party Libraries

Writing Quality Code

- Rule 8: Don't Overdesign
- Rule 9: Be Consistent
- Rule 10: Avoid Security Pitfalls
- Rule 11: Use Efficient Data Structures and Algorithms
- Rule 12: Include Unit Tests
- Rule 13: Keep Your Code Portable
- Rule 14: Make Your Code Buildable
- Rule 15: Put Everything Under Version Control

Follow the Style Guide

Follow the Style Guide

- Every programming language has a **style guide** that tells you in great detail
 - how to indent your code,
 - where to put spaces and braces,
 - how to name stuff,
 - how to comment
 - all the good and bad practices.

- Constrained by slow, clunky teletypes, programmers in the past used to contract the names of their variables and routines to save time, keystrokes, ink, and paper.
- Use **long descriptive names**, like *complementSpanLength*, to help yourself, now and in the future, as well as your colleagues to understand what the code does.
 - The only exception to this rule concerns the few key variables used within a method's body, such as a loop index, a parameter, an intermediate result, or a return value.

- There are some easy naming rules.
 - Class and type names should be nouns.
 - Methods names should contain a verb.
 - In particular, if a method returns a value indicating whether something holds true for an object, the method name should start with *is*.
 - Other methods that return an object's property should start with *get*, and those that set a property should start with *set*.

- Even more importantly, think long and hard before you name something.
 - Is the name accurate?
 - Did you mean highestPrice, rather than bestPrice?
 - Is the name specific enough to avoid taking more than its fair share of semantic space?
 - Should you name your method getBestPrice, rather than getBest?
 - Does its form match that of other similar names?
 - If you have a method ReadEventLog, you shouldn't name another NetErrorLogRead.
 - If you're naming a function, does the name describe what the function returns?

Comment and Document

Comment and Document

- Start every routine you write (function or method) with a **comment** outlining what the routine does, its parameters, and what it returns, as well as possible errors and exceptions.
- Summarize in a comment the role of each file and class, the contents of each class field, and the major steps of complex code.
- Write the comments as you develop the code; if you think you'll add them later, you're kidding yourself.

Comment and Document

- In addition, ensure that your code as a whole (for example, an application or library) comes with at least a guide explaining what it does;
 - indicating its dependencies;
 - and providing instructions on building, testing, installation, and use.
- This document should be short and sweet; a single README file is often enough.

Don't Repeat Yourself

Don't Repeat Yourself

- Never copy-and-paste code.
- Instead, abstract the common parts into a routine or class (or macro, if you must), and use it with appropriate parameters.
- More broadly, avoid duplicate instances of similar data or code.
- Keep a definitive version in one place, and let that version drive all other uses.

Check for Errors and Respond to Them

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- Routines can return with an error indication, or they can raise an exception.
- Deal with it.
- Ignoring errors and exceptions simply sweeps the problem under the carpet.

Split Your Code into Short, Focused Units

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- Every method, function, or logical code block should fit on a reasonably-sized screen window.
 - If it's longer, split it into shorter pieces.
 - An exception can be made for simple repetitive code sequences.
- Even within a routine, divide long code sequences into blocks whose function you can describe with a comment at the beginning of each block.

Split Your Code into Short, Focused Units

- Furthermore, each class, module, file, or process should concern one single thing.
 - If a code unit undertakes diverse responsibilities, split it accordingly.

SUMMARY

Summary

- You'll eventually create code that's
 - easier to read,
 - thoroughly tested,
 - more likely to run correctly,
 - and much simpler to revise when that time comes.
- You'll also save yourself and your program's users a lot of headaches.

Introduction



- Major elements of a C program:
- Preprocessing directives such as #include and #define
 - Type definitions
 - Declarations of external variables
 - Function prototypes
 - Function definitions

- C imposes only a few rules on the order of these items:
 - A preprocessing directive doesn't take effect until the line on which it appears.
 - A type name can't be used until it's been defined.
 - A variable can't be used until it's declared.
- It's a good idea to define or declare every function prior to its first call.
 - C99 makes this a requirement.

- There are several ways to organize a program so that these rules are obeyed.
- One possible ordering:
 - #include directives
 - #define directives
 - Type definitions
 - Declarations of external variables
 - Prototypes for functions other than main
 - Definition of main
 - Definitions of other functions



- It's a good idea to have a boxed comment preceding each function definition.
- Information to include in the comment:
 - Name of the function
 - Purpose of the function
 - Meaning of each parameter
 - Description of return value (if any)
 - Description of side effects (such as modifying external variables)



Program: Guessing a Number

- The guess.c program generates a random number between 1 and 100, which the user attempts to guess in as few tries as possible.
- Tasks to be carried out by the program:
 - Initialize the random number generator
 - Choose a secret number
 - Interact with the user until the correct number is picked
- Each task can be handled by a separate function.

Program: Guessing a Number

Guess the secret number between 1 and 100.

```
A new number has been chosen.
Enter quess: 55
Too low; try again.
Enter quess: 65
Too high; try again.
Enter quess: 60
Too high; try again.
Enter quess: 58
You won in 4 guesses!
Play again? (Y/N) y
A new number has been chosen.
Enter quess: 78
Too high; try again.
Enter guess: 34
You won in 2 quesses!
```

- Major elements of a C program:
 - Preprocessing directives such as #include and #define
 /****header files****/

#include <stdio.h> // The printf() and scanf()
 functions is defined in stdio.h header file.

#include <stdlib.h> // The rand() and srand() function is defined in stdlib.h header file.

#include <time.h> // The time() function is defined in time.h header file.



- Major elements of a C program:
 - Preprocessing directives such as #include and #define

```
/****constant value****/
#define MAX_NUMBER 100
```

- Major elements of a C program:
 - Declarations of external variables

```
/****external variable****/
int secret_number;
```

- Major elements of a C program:
 - Function prototypes

```
/****prototypes****/
void initialize_number_generator(void);
void choose_new_secret_number(void);
void read_guesses(void);
```

- Major elements of a C program:
 - Function definitions

```
/****Initializes the random number generator using the time of day.****/
void initialize_number_generator(void)
{
    srand((unsigned) time(NULL)); // generates a random number.
}
```

- Major elements of a C program:
 - Function definitions

```
/****Randomly selects a number between 1 and
MAX_NUMBER and stores it in secret_number****/
void choose_new_secret_number(void)
{
    secret_number = rand() % MAX_NUMBER + 1;
//selects a number
}
```

- Major elements of a C program:
 - Function definitions

```
/****Repeatedly reads user guesses and tells the user
whether each is too low, too high, or correct. When the
guess is correct, prints the total number of guesses and
returns.****/
void read_guesses(void)
   int guess, num_guesses = 0; // local variables
   for(;;) {...}//infinite loop
```

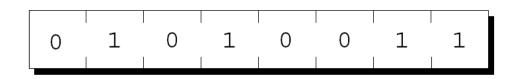
Chapter 11: Pointers

Chapter 11

Pointers



- The first step in understanding pointers is visualizing what they represent at the machine level.
- In most modern computers, main memory is divided into *bytes*, with each byte capable of storing eight bits of information:



• Each byte has a unique address.

• If there are n bytes in memory, we can think of addresses as numbers that range from 0 to n-1:

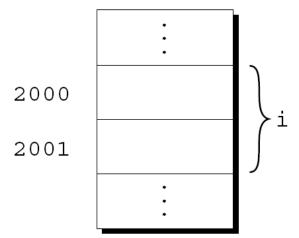
Address	Contents
0	01010011
1	01110101
2	01110011
3	01100001
4	01101110
	:
n-1	01000011



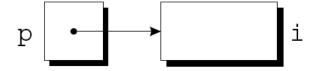
- Each variable in a program occupies one or more bytes of memory.
- The address of the first byte is said to be the address of the variable.

• In the following figure, the address of the variable

i is 2000:



- Addresses can be stored in special *pointer variables*.
- When we store the address of a variable i in the pointer variable p, we say that p "points to" i.
- A graphical representation:



Declaring Pointer Variables

• When a pointer variable is declared, its name must be preceded by an asterisk:

```
int *p;
```

- p is a pointer variable capable of pointing to *objects* of type int.
- We use the term *object* instead of *variable* since p might point to an area of memory that doesn't belong to a variable.

Declaring Pointer Variables

• Pointer variables can appear in declarations along with other variables:

```
int i, j, a[10], b[20], *p, *q;
```

• C requires that every pointer variable point only to objects of a particular type (the *referenced type*):

• There are no restrictions on what the referenced type may be.

The Address and Indirection Operators

- C provides a pair of operators designed specifically for use with pointers.
 - To find the address of a variable, we use the & (address) operator.
 - To gain access to the object that a pointer points to, we use the * (indirection) operator.

The Address Operator

• Declaring a pointer variable sets aside space for a pointer but doesn't make it point to an object:

```
int *p; /* points nowhere in particular */
```

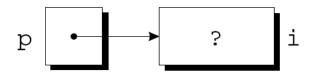
• It's crucial to initialize p before we use it.

The Address Operator

• One way to initialize a pointer variable is to assign it the address of a variable:

```
int i, *p;
...
p = &i;
```

• Assigning the address of i to the variable p makes p point to i:



The Address Operator

• It's also possible to initialize a pointer variable at the time it's declared:

```
int i;
int *p = &i;
```

• The declaration of i can even be combined with the declaration of p:

```
int i, *p = \&i;
```

- Once a pointer variable points to an object, we can use the * (indirection) operator to access what's stored in the object.
- If p points to i, we can print the value of i as follows:

```
printf("%d\n", *p);
```

• Applying & to a variable produces a pointer to the variable. Applying * to the pointer takes us back to the original variable:

```
j = *&i; /* same as j = i; */
```



- As long as p points to i, *p is an *alias* for i.
 - *p has the same value as i.
 - Changing the value of *p changes the value of i.
- The example on the next slide illustrates the equivalence of *p and i.

```
p = \&i;
i = 1;
printf("%d\n", i);  /* prints 1 */
printf("%d\n", *p); /* prints 1 */
*p = 2;
            р
printf("%d\n", i);  /* prints 2 */
printf("%d\n", *p); /* prints 2 */
```

 Applying the indirection operator to an uninitialized pointer variable causes undefined behavior:

```
int *p;
printf("%d", *p); /*** WRONG ***/
```

Assigning a value to *p is particularly dangerous:

```
int *p;
*p = 1;  /*** WRONG ***/
```

- C allows the use of the assignment operator to copy pointers of the same type.
- Assume that the following declaration is in effect:

```
int i, j, *p, *q;
```

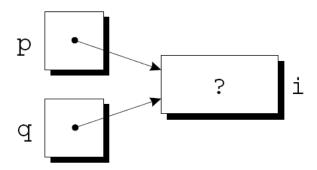
• Example of pointer assignment:

```
p = \&i;
```

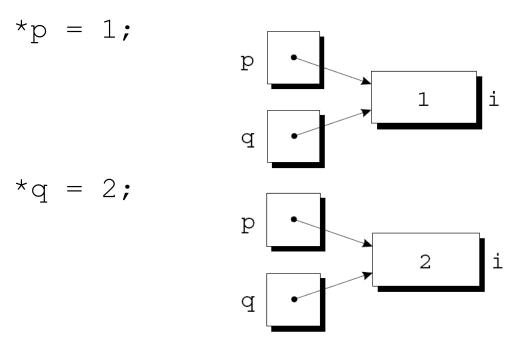
• Another example of pointer assignment:

$$q = p;$$

q now points to the same place as p:



• If p and q both point to i, we can change i by assigning a new value to either *p or *q:

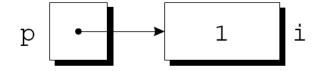


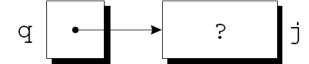
 Any number of pointer variables may point to the same object.

Be careful not to confuse

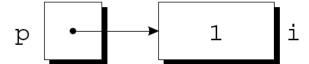
```
q = p;
with
*q = *p;
```

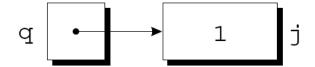
- The first statement is a pointer assignment, but the second is not.
- The example on the next slide shows the effect of the second statement.





$$*q = *p;$$



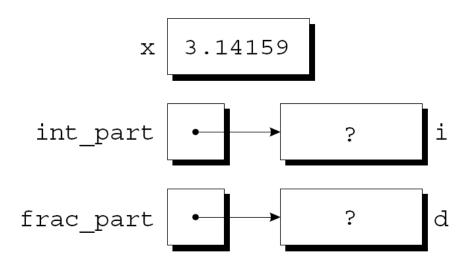


- In Chapter 9, we tried—and failed—to write a decompose function that could modify its arguments.
- By passing a *pointer* to a variable instead of the *value* of the variable, decompose can be fixed.

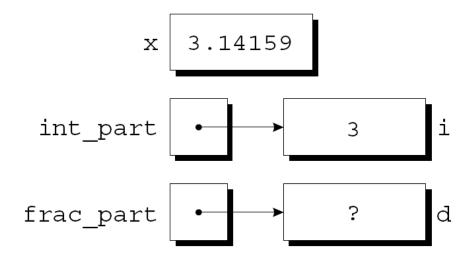
New definition of decompose:

• Possible prototypes for decompose:

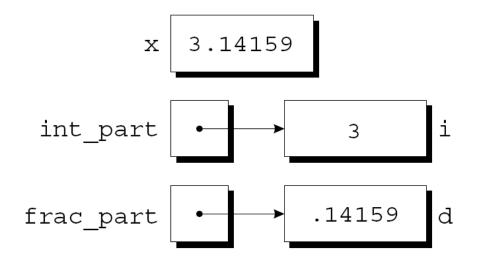
- A call of decompose:
 - decompose (3.14159, &i, &d);
- As a result of the call, int_part points to i and frac part points to d:



• The first assignment in the body of decompose converts the value of x to type long and stores it in the object pointed to by int part:



• The second assignment stores x - *int_part into the object that frac part points to:



Arguments in calls of scanf are pointers:

```
int i;
...
scanf("%d", &i);
```

Without the &, scanf would be supplied with the value of i.

• Although scanf's arguments must be pointers, it's not always true that every argument needs the & operator:

```
int i, *p;
...
p = &i;
scanf("%d", p);
```

• Using the & operator in the call would be wrong:

```
scanf("%d", &p); /*** WRONG ***/
```

Pointers as Arguments

- Failing to pass a pointer to a function when one is expected can have disastrous results.
- A call of decompose in which the & operator is missing: decompose (3.14159, i, d);
- When decompose stores values in *int_part and *frac_part, it will attempt to change unknown memory locations instead of modifying i and d.
- If we've provided a prototype for decompose, the compiler will detect the error.
- In the case of scanf, however, failing to pass pointers may go undetected.

Program: Finding the Largest and Smallest Elements in an Array

- The max_min.c program uses a function named max_min to find the largest and smallest elements in an array.
- Prototype for max min:

```
void max_min(int a[], int n, int *max, int *min);
```

• Example call of max min:

```
max min(b, N, &big, &small);
```

- When max_min finds the largest element in b, it stores the value in big by assigning it to *max.
- max_min stores the smallest element of b in small by assigning it to *min.

Program: Finding the Largest and Smallest Elements in an Array

• max_min.c will read 10 numbers into an array, pass it to the max min function, and print the results:

```
Enter 10 numbers: 34 82 49 102 7 94 23 11 50 31
```

Largest: 102

Smallest: 7

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maxmin.c

```
/* Finds the largest and smallest elements in an array */
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 10
void max min(int a[], int n, int *max, int *min);
int main(void)
  int b[N], i, big, small;
  printf("Enter %d numbers: ", N);
  for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
    scanf("%d", &b[i]);
```

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```
max min(b, N, &big, &small);
  printf("Largest: %d\n", big);
  printf("Smallest: %d\n", small);
  return 0;
void max min(int a[], int n, int *max, int *min)
  int i;
  *max = *min = a[0];
  for (i = 1; i < n; i++) {
    if (a[i] > *max)
      *max = a[i];
    else if (a[i] < *min)
      *min = a[i];
```

Using const to Protect Arguments

• When an argument is a pointer to a variable x, we normally assume that x will be modified:

```
f(\&x);
```

- It's possible, though, that f merely needs to examine the value of x, not change it.
- The reason for the pointer might be efficiency: passing the value of a variable can waste time and space if the variable requires a large amount of storage.

Using const to Protect Arguments

- We can use const to document that a function won't change an object whose address is passed to the function.
- const goes in the parameter's declaration, just before the specification of its type:

```
void f(const int *p)
{
   *p = 0;    /*** WRONG ***/
}
```

Attempting to modify *p is an error that the compiler will detect.



Pointers as Return Values

• Functions are allowed to return pointers:

```
int *max(int *a, int *b)
{
  if (*a > *b)
    return a;
  else
    return b;
}
```

• A call of the max function:

```
int *p, i, j;
...
p = max(&i, &j);
```

After the call, p points to either i or j.



Pointers as Return Values

- Although max returns one of the pointers passed to it as an argument, that's not the only possibility.
- A function could also return a pointer to an external variable or to a static local variable.
- Never return a pointer to an *automatic* local variable:

```
int *f(void)
{
   int i;
   ...
   return &i;
}
```

The variable i won't exist after f returns.

Pointers as Return Values

- Pointers can point to array elements.
- If a is an array, then &a[i] is a pointer to element i of a.
- It's sometimes useful for a function to return a pointer to one of the elements in an array.
- A function that returns a pointer to the middle element of a, assuming that a has n elements:

```
int *find_middle(int a[], int n) {
  return &a[n/2];
}
```

Chapter 13

Strings



Introduction

- This chapter covers both string *constants* (or *literals*, as they're called in the C standard) and string *variables*.
- Strings are arrays of characters in which a special character—the null character—marks the end.
- The C library provides a collection of functions for working with strings.

String Literals

• A *string literal* is a sequence of characters enclosed within double quotes:

```
"When you come to a fork in the road, take it."
```

- String literals may contain escape sequences.
- Character escapes often appear in printf and scanf format strings.
- For example, each \n character in the string

```
"Candy\nIs dandy\nBut liquor\nIs quicker.\n --Ogden Nash\n" causes the cursor to advance to the next line:
```

```
Candy
Is dandy
But liquor
Is quicker.
--Ogden Nash
```

Continuing a String Literal

• The backslash character (\) can be used to continue a string literal from one line to the next:

```
printf("When you come to a fork in the road, take it. \
--Yogi Berra");
```

• In general, the \ character can be used to join two or more lines of a program into a single line.

Continuing a String Literal

- There's a better way to deal with long string literals.
- When two or more string literals are adjacent, the compiler will join them into a single string.
- This rule allows us to split a string literal over two or more lines:

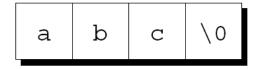
```
printf("When you come to a fork in the road, take it. '
"--Yogi Berra");
```

How String Literals Are Stored

- When a C compiler encounters a string literal of length n in a program, it sets aside n + 1 bytes of memory for the string.
- This memory will contain the characters in the string, plus one extra character—the *null character*—to mark the end of the string.
- The null character is a byte whose bits are all zero, so it's represented by the \0 escape sequence.

How String Literals Are Stored

• The string literal "abc" is stored as an array of four characters:



• The string "" is stored as a single null character:



How String Literals Are Stored

- Since a string literal is stored as an array, the compiler treats it as a pointer of type char *.
- Both printf and scanf expect a value of type char * as their first argument.
- The following call of printf passes the address of "abc" (a pointer to where the letter a is stored in memory):

```
printf("abc");
```

Operations on String Literals

• We can use a string literal wherever C allows a char * pointer:

```
char *p;
p = "abc";
```

• This assignment makes p point to the first character of the string.

Operations on String Literals

• String literals can be subscripted:

```
char ch;
ch = "abc"[1];
```

The new value of ch will be the letter b.

• A function that converts a number between 0 and 15 into the equivalent hex digit:

```
char digit_to_hex_char(int digit)
{
  return "0123456789ABCDEF"[digit];
}
```

Operations on String Literals

 Attempting to modify a string literal causes undefined behavior:

```
char *p = "abc";
*p = 'd';    /*** WRONG ***/
```

• A program that tries to change a string literal may crash or behave erratically.

String Literals versus Character Constants

- A string literal containing a single character isn't the same as a character constant.
 - "a" is represented by a *pointer*.
 - 'a' is represented by an *integer*.
- A legal call of printf:

```
printf("\n");
```

• An illegal call:

```
printf('\n');    /*** WRONG ***/
```

String Variables

- Any one-dimensional array of characters can be used to store a string.
- A string must be terminated by a null character.
- Difficulties with this approach:
 - It can be hard to tell whether an array of characters is being used as a string.
 - String-handling functions must be careful to deal properly with the null character.
 - Finding the length of a string requires searching for the null character.

String Variables

• If a string variable needs to hold 80 characters, it must be declared to have length 81:

```
#define STR_LEN 80
...
char str[STR LEN+1];
```

- Adding 1 to the desired length allows room for the null character at the end of the string.
- Defining a macro that represents 80 and then adding 1 separately is a common practice.

String Variables

- Be sure to leave room for the null character when declaring a string variable.
- Failing to do so may cause unpredictable results when the program is executed.
- The actual length of a string depends on the position of the terminating null character.
- An array of STR_LEN + 1 characters can hold strings with lengths between 0 and STR_LEN.

• A string variable can be initialized at the same time it's declared:

```
char date1[8] = "June 14";
```

• The compiler will automatically add a null character so that date1 can be used as a string:



- "June 14" is not a string literal in this context.
- Instead, C views it as an abbreviation for an array initializer.

• If the initializer is too short to fill the string variable, the compiler adds extra null characters:

```
char date2[9] = "June 14";
```

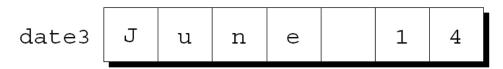
Appearance of date2:

date2 J u n e 1 4 \0 \0

• An initializer for a string variable can't be longer than the variable, but it can be the same length:

char date3[7] = "June 14";

• There's no room for the null character, so the compiler makes no attempt to store one:



• The declaration of a string variable may omit its length, in which case the compiler computes it: char date4[] = "June 14";

- The compiler sets aside eight characters for date4, enough to store the characters in "June 14" plus a null character.
- Omitting the length of a string variable is especially useful if the initializer is long, since computing the length by hand is error-prone.

The declaration

```
char date[] = "June 14"; declares date to be an array,
```

• The similar-looking

```
char *date = "June 14";
declares date to be a pointer.
```

• Thanks to the close relationship between arrays and pointers, either version can be used as a string.

- However, there are significant differences between the two versions of date.
 - In the array version, the characters stored in date can be modified. In the pointer version, date points to a string literal that shouldn't be modified.
 - In the array version, date is an array name. In the pointer version, date is a variable that can point to other strings.

• The declaration

```
char *p;
does not allocate space for a string.
```

- Before we can use p as a string, it must point to an array of characters.
- One possibility is to make p point to a string variable:

```
char str[STR_LEN+1], *p;
p = str;
```

• Another possibility is to make p point to a dynamically allocated string.



- Using an uninitialized pointer variable as a string is a serious error.
- An attempt at building the string "abc":

• Since p hasn't been initialized, this causes undefined behavior.

Reading and Writing Strings

- Writing a string is easy using either printf or puts.
- Reading a string is a bit harder, because the input may be longer than the string variable into which it's being stored.
- To read a string in a single step, we can use either scanf or gets.
- As an alternative, we can read strings one character at a time.

Writing Strings Using printf and puts

• The %s conversion specification allows printf to write a string:

```
char str[] = "Are we having fun yet?";
printf("%s\n", str);
```

The output will be

Are we having fun yet?

• printf writes the characters in a string one by one until it encounters a null character.

Writing Strings Using printf and puts

- To print part of a string, use the conversion specification %.ps.
- p is the number of characters to be displayed.
- The statement

```
printf("%.6s\n", str);
will print
Are we
```

Writing Strings Using printf and puts

- The %ms conversion will display a string in a field of size m.
- If the string has fewer than *m* characters, it will be right-justified within the field.
- To force left justification instead, we can put a minus sign in front of m.
- The *m* and *p* values can be used in combination.
- A conversion specification of the form m.ps causes the first p characters of a string to be displayed in a field of size m.



Writing Strings Using printf and puts

- printf isn't the only function that can write strings.
- The C library also provides puts: puts (str);
- After writing a string, puts always writes an additional new-line character.

• The %s conversion specification allows scanf to read a string into a character array:

```
scanf("%s", str);
```

- str is treated as a pointer, so there's no need to put the & operator in front of str.
- When scanf is called, it skips white space, then reads characters and stores them in str until it encounters a white-space character.
- scanf always stores a null character at the end of the string.

- scanf won't usually read a full line of input.
- A new-line character will cause scanf to stop reading, but so will a space or tab character.
- To read an entire line of input, we can use gets.
- Properties of gets:
 - Doesn't skip white space before starting to read input.
 - Reads until it finds a new-line character.
 - Discards the new-line character instead of storing it; the null character takes its place.

• Consider the following program fragment:

```
char sentence[SENT_LEN+1];
printf("Enter a sentence:\n");
scanf("%s", sentence);
```

• Suppose that after the prompt

```
Enter a sentence:
```

the user enters the line

```
To C, or not to C: that is the question.
```

• scanf will store the string "To" in sentence.

- Suppose that we replace scanf by gets: gets(sentence);
- When the user enters the same input as before, gets will store the string

```
" To C, or not to C: that is the question." in sentence.
```

- As they read characters into an array, scanf and gets have no way to detect when it's full.
- Consequently, they may store characters past the end of the array, causing undefined behavior.
- scanf can be made safer by using the conversion specification %ns instead of %s.
- *n* is an integer indicating the maximum number of characters to be stored.
- gets is inherently unsafe; fgets is a much better alternative.



- Programmers often write their own input functions.
- Issues to consider:
 - Should the function skip white space before beginning to store the string?
 - What character causes the function to stop reading: a new-line character, any white-space character, or some other character? Is this character stored in the string or discarded?
 - What should the function do if the input string is too long to store: discard the extra characters or leave them for the next input operation?

- Suppose we need a function that (1) doesn't skip white-space characters, (2) stops reading at the first new-line character (which isn't stored in the string), and (3) discards extra characters.
- A prototype for the function:

```
int read_line(char str[], int n);
```

- If the input line contains more than n characters, read line will discard the additional characters.
- read_line will return the number of characters it stores in str.

• read_line consists primarily of a loop that calls getchar to read a character and then stores the character in str, provided that there's room left:

• ch has int type rather than char type because getchar returns an int value.

- Before returning, read_line puts a null character at the end of the string.
- Standard functions such as scanf and gets automatically put a null character at the end of an input string.
- If we're writing our own input function, we must take on that responsibility.

- Since strings are stored as arrays, we can use subscripting to access the characters in a string.
- To process every character in a string s, we can set up a loop that increments a counter i and selects characters via the expression s[i].

• A function that counts the number of spaces in a string:

```
int count_spaces(const char s[])
{
  int count = 0, i;
  for (i = 0; s[i] != '\0'; i++)
    if (s[i] == ' ')
      count++;
  return count;
}
```

• A version that uses pointer arithmetic instead of array subscripting :

```
int count_spaces(const char *s)
{
  int count = 0;
  for (; *s != '\0'; s++)
    if (*s == ' ')
      count++;
  return count;
}
```

- Questions raised by the count_spaces example:
 - Is it better to use array operations or pointer operations to access the characters in a string? We can use either or both. Traditionally, C programmers lean toward using pointer operations.
 - Should a string parameter be declared as an array or as a pointer? There's no difference between the two.
 - Does the form of the parameter (s[] or *s) affect what can be supplied as an argument? No.

- Some programming languages provide operators that can copy strings, compare strings, concatenate strings, select substrings, and the like.
- C's operators, in contrast, are essentially useless for working with strings.
- Strings are treated as arrays in C, so they're restricted in the same ways as arrays.
- In particular, they can't be copied or compared using operators.

- Direct attempts to copy or compare strings will fail.
- Copying a string into a character array using the = operator is not possible:

```
char str1[10], str2[10];
...
str1 = "abc";  /*** WRONG ***/
str2 = str1;  /*** WRONG ***/
```

Using an array name as the left operand of = is illegal.

• *Initializing* a character array using = is legal, though:

```
char str1[10] = "abc";
```

In this context, = is not the assignment operator.



 Attempting to compare strings using a relational or equality operator is legal but won't produce the desired result:

```
if (str1 == str2) ... /*** WRONG ***/
```

- This statement compares str1 and str2 as *pointers*.
- Since str1 and str2 have different addresses, the expression str1 == str2 must have the value 0.

- The C library provides a rich set of functions for performing operations on strings.
- Programs that need string operations should contain the following line:

```
#include <string.h>
```

• In subsequent examples, assume that strl and str2 are character arrays used as strings.

- Prototype for the strcpy function:
 - char *strcpy(char *s1, const char *s2);
- strcpy copies the string s2 into the string s1.
 - To be precise, we should say "strcpy copies the string pointed to by s2 into the array pointed to by s1."
- strcpy returns s1 (a pointer to the destination string).

• A call of strcpy that stores the string "abcd" in str2:

```
strcpy(str2, "abcd");
/* str2 now contains "abcd" */
```

• A call that copies the contents of str2 into str1:

```
strcpy(str1, str2);
/* str1 now contains "abcd" */
```

- In the call strcpy (str1, str2), strcpy has no way to check that the str2 string will fit in the array pointed to by str1.
- If it doesn't, undefined behavior occurs.

- Calling the strncpy function is a safer, albeit slower, way to copy a string.
- strncpy has a third argument that limits the number of characters that will be copied.
- A call of strncpy that copies str2 into str1: strncpy(str1, str2, sizeof(str1));

- strncpy will leave str1 without a terminating null character if the length of str2 is greater than or equal to the size of the str1 array.
- A safer way to use strncpy:

```
strncpy(str1, str2, sizeof(str1) - 1);
str1[sizeof(str1)-1] = '\0';
```

• The second statement guarantees that strl is always null-terminated.

The strlen (String Length) Function

• Prototype for the strlen function:

```
size t strlen(const char *s);
```

• size_t is a typedef name that represents one of C's unsigned integer types.

The strlen (String Length) Function

- strlen returns the length of a string s, not including the null character.
- Examples:

```
int len;
len = strlen("abc");  /* len is now 3 */
len = strlen("");  /* len is now 0 */
strcpy(str1, "abc");
len = strlen(str1);  /* len is now 3 */
```

• Prototype for the streat function:

```
char *strcat(char *s1, const char *s2);
```

- streat appends the contents of the string s2 to the end of the string s1.
- It returns \$1 (a pointer to the resulting string).
- strcat examples:

```
strcpy(str1, "abc");
strcat(str1, "def");
  /* str1 now contains "abcdef" */
strcpy(str1, "abc");
strcpy(str2, "def");
strcat(str1, str2);
  /* str1 now contains "abcdef" */
```



- As with strcpy, the value returned by strcat is normally discarded.
- The following example shows how the return value might be used:

```
strcpy(str1, "abc");
strcpy(str2, "def");
strcat(str1, strcat(str2, "ghi"));
  /* str1 now contains "abcdefghi";
  str2 contains "defghi" */
```

• strcat(str1, str2) causes undefined behavior if the str1 array isn't long enough to accommodate the characters from str2.

• Example:

```
char str1[6] = "abc";
strcat(str1, "def");    /*** WRONG ***/
```

• str1 is limited to six characters, causing strcat to write past the end of the array.

- The strncat function is a safer but slower version of strcat.
- Like strncpy, it has a third argument that limits the number of characters it will copy.
- A call of strncat:

```
strncat(str1, str2, sizeof(str1) - strlen(str1) - 1);
```

• strncat will terminate str1 with a null character, which isn't included in the third argument.

• Prototype for the strcmp function:

```
int strcmp(const char *s1, const char *s2);
```

• strcmp compares the strings s1 and s2, returning a value less than, equal to, or greater than 0, depending on whether s1 is less than, equal to, or greater than s2.

• Testing whether str1 is less than str2:

```
if (strcmp(str1, str2) < 0)  /* is str1 < str2? */
...</pre>
```

• Testing whether str1 is less than or equal to str2:

```
if (strcmp(str1, str2) <= 0) /* is str1 <= str2? */
...</pre>
```

• By choosing the proper operator (<, <=, >, >=, ==, !=), we can test any possible relationship between str1 and str2.

- strcmp considers s1 to be less than s2 if either one of the following conditions is satisfied:
 - The first i characters of s1 and s2 match, but the (i+1)st character of s1 is less than the (i+1)st character of s2.
 - All characters of s1 match s2, but s1 is shorter than s2.

- As it compares two strings, strcmp looks at the numerical codes for the characters in the strings.
- Some knowledge of the underlying character set is helpful to predict what strcmp will do.
- Important properties of ASCII:
 - A–Z, a–z, and 0–9 have consecutive codes.
 - All upper-case letters are less than all lower-case letters.
 - Digits are less than letters.
 - Spaces are less than all printing characters.



Program: Printing a One-Month Reminder List

- The remind.c program prints a one-month list of daily reminders.
- The user will enter a series of reminders, with each prefixed by a day of the month.
- When the user enters 0 instead of a valid day, the program will print a list of all reminders entered, sorted by day.
- The next slide shows a session with the program.

Program: Printing a One-Month Reminder List

```
Enter day and reminder: 24 Susan's birthday
Enter day and reminder: 5 6:00 - Dinner with Marge and Russ
Enter day and reminder: 26 Movie - "Chinatown"
Enter day and reminder: 7 10:30 - Dental appointment
Enter day and reminder: 12 Movie - "Dazed and Confused"
Enter day and reminder: 5 Saturday class
Enter day and reminder: 12 Saturday class
Enter day and reminder: 0
Day Reminder
  5 Saturday class
  5 6:00 - Dinner with Marge and Russ
  7 10:30 - Dental appointment
 12 Saturday class
 12 Movie - "Dazed and Confused"
 24 Susan's birthday
 26 Movie - "Chinatown"
```



- Overall strategy:
 - Read a series of day-and-reminder combinations.
 - Store them in order (sorted by day).
 - Display them.
- scanf will be used to read the days.
- read_line will be used to read the reminders.

- The strings will be stored in a two-dimensional array of characters.
- Each row of the array contains one string.
- Actions taken after the program reads a day and its associated reminder:
 - Search the array to determine where the day belongs,
 using strcmp to do comparisons.
 - Use strcpy to move all strings below that point down one position.
 - Copy the day into the array and call streat to append the reminder to the day.



- One complication: how to right-justify the days in a two-character field.
- A solution: use scanf to read the day into an integer variable, than call sprintf to convert the day back into string form.
- sprintf is similar to printf, except that it writes output into a string.
- The call

```
sprintf(day_str, "%2d", day); writes the value of day into day str.
```



• The following call of scanf ensures that the user doesn't enter more than two digits:

```
scanf("%2d", &day);
```

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remind.c

```
/* Prints a one-month reminder list */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#define MAX REMIND 50 /* maximum number of reminders */
#define MSG LEN 60 /* max length of reminder message */
int read line(char str[], int n);
int main(void)
 char reminders[MAX REMIND] [MSG LEN+3];
 char day str[3], msg str[MSG LEN+1];
  int day, i, j, num remind = 0;
  for (;;) {
    if (num remind == MAX REMIND) {
     printf("-- No space left --\n");
     break;
```

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```
printf("Enter day and reminder: ");
  scanf("%2d", &day);
  if (day == 0)
    break;
  sprintf(day str, "%2d", day);
  read line (msg str, MSG LEN);
  for (i = 0; i < num remind; i++)
    if (strcmp(day str, reminders[i]) < 0)</pre>
      break:
  for (j = num remind; j > i; j--)
    strcpy(reminders[j], reminders[j-1]);
  strcpy(reminders[i], day str);
  strcat(reminders[i], msg str);
  num remind++;
printf("\nDay Reminder\n");
for (i = 0; i < num remind; i++)
  printf(" %s\n", reminders[i]);
return 0;
```

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```
int read_line(char str[], int n)
{
  int ch, i = 0;

  while ((ch = getchar()) != '\n')
    if (i < n)
       str[i++] = ch;
  str[i] = '\0';
  return i;
}</pre>
```

String Idioms

- Functions that manipulate strings are a rich source of idioms.
- We'll explore some of the most famous idioms by using them to write the strlen and strcat functions.

• A version of strlen that searches for the end of a string, using a variable to keep track of the string's length:

```
size_t strlen(const char *s)
{
    size_t n;
    for (n = 0; *s != '\0'; s++)
        n++;
    return n;
}
```

• To condense the function, we can move the initialization of n to its declaration:

```
size_t strlen(const char *s)
{
    size_t n = 0;
    for (; *s != '\0'; s++)
        n++;
    return n;
}
```

- The condition $*s != ' \setminus 0 '$ is the same as *s != 0, which in turn is the same as *s.
- A version of strlen that uses these observations:

```
size_t strlen(const char *s)
{
    size_t n = 0;
    for (; *s; s++)
        n++;
    return n;
}
```

• The next version increments s and tests *s in the same expression:

```
size_t strlen(const char *s)
{
    size_t n = 0;
    for (; *s++;)
        n++;
    return n;
}
```

• Replacing the for statement with a while statement gives the following version of strlen:

```
size_t strlen(const char *s)
{
    size_t n = 0;
    while (*s++)
        n++;
    return n;
}
```

- Although we've condensed strlen quite a bit, it's likely that we haven't increased its speed.
- A version that *does* run faster, at least with some compilers:

```
size_t strlen(const char *s)
{
  const char *p = s;
  while (*s)
    s++;
  return s - p;
}
```

• Idioms for "search for the null character at the end of a string":

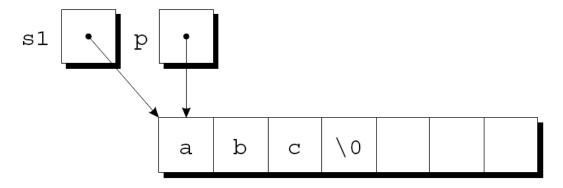
```
while (*s) while (*s++) s++; ;
```

- The first version leaves s pointing to the null character.
- The second version is more concise, but leaves s pointing just past the null character.

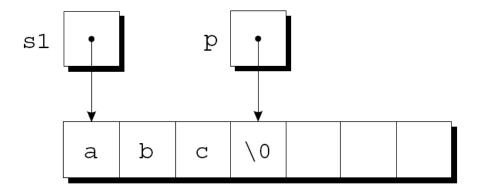
- Copying a string is another common operation.
- To introduce C's "string copy" idiom, we'll develop two versions of the streat function.
- The first version of strcat (next slide) uses a two-step algorithm:
 - Locate the null character at the end of the string s1 and make p point to it.
 - Copy characters one by one from s2 to where p is pointing.

```
char *strcat(char *s1, const char *s2)
  char *p = s1;
  while (*p != '\0')
    p++;
  while (*s2 != ' \setminus 0') {
    *p = *s2;
    p++;
    s2++;
  *p = ' \setminus 0';
  return s1;
```

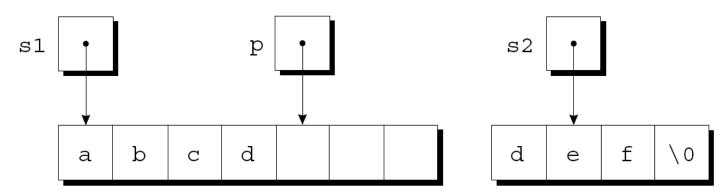
• p initially points to the first character in the s1 string:



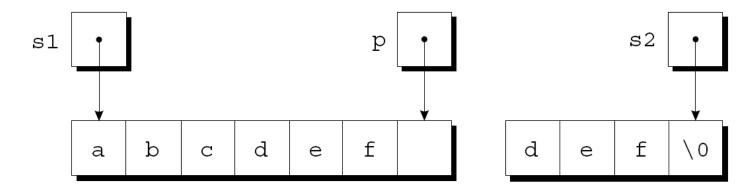
• The first while statement locates the null character at the end of s1 and makes p point to it:



- The second while statement repeatedly copies one character from where s2 points to where p points, then increments both p and s2.
- Assume that s2 originally points to the string "def".
- The strings after the first loop iteration:



• The loop terminates when s2 points to the null character:



• After putting a null character where p is pointing, streat returns.

Condensed version of strcat:

```
char *strcat(char *s1, const char *s2)
  char *p = s1;
  while (*p)
    p++;
  while (*p++ = *s2++)
  return s1;
```

• The heart of the streamlined streat function is the "string copy" idiom:

```
while (*p++ = *s2++);
```

• Ignoring the two ++ operators, the expression inside the parentheses is an assignment:

$$*p = *s2$$

- After the assignment, p and s2 are incremented.
- Repeatedly evaluating this expression copies characters from where \$2 points to where p points.

- But what causes the loop to terminate?
- The while statement tests the character that was copied by the assignment *p = *s2.
- All characters except the null character test true.
- The loop terminates *after* the assignment, so the null character will be copied.

- There is more than one way to store an array of strings.
- One option is to use a two-dimensional array of characters, with one string per row:

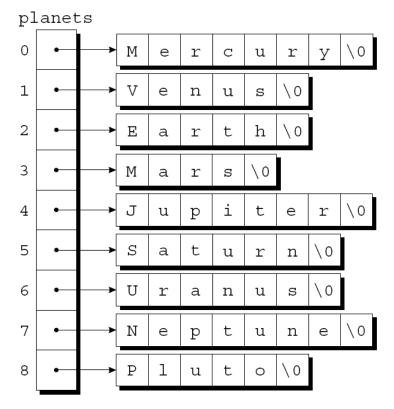
• The number of rows in the array can be omitted, but we must specify the number of columns.

• Unfortunately, the planets array contains a fair bit of wasted space (extra null characters):

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	М	е	r	С	u	r	У	\0
1	V	Ф	n	u	ន	\0	\0	\0
2	E	a	r	t	h	\0	\0	\0
3	М	a	r	ß	\0	\0	\0	\0
4	J	u	р	i	t	е	r	\ 0
5	S	a	t	u	r	n	\0	\0
6	Ū	r	a	n	u	Œ	\0	\ 0
7	N	Ф	р	t	u	n	е	\0
8	P	1	u	t	0	\0	\0	\0

- Most collections of strings will have a mixture of long strings and short strings.
- What we need is a *ragged array*, whose rows can have different lengths.
- We can simulate a ragged array in C by creating an array whose elements are *pointers* to strings:

• This small change has a dramatic effect on how planets is stored:



- To access one of the planet names, all we need do is subscript the planets array.
- Accessing a character in a planet name is done in the same way as accessing an element of a twodimensional array.
- A loop that searches the planets array for strings beginning with the letter M:

```
for (i = 0; i < 9; i++)
  if (planets[i][0] == 'M')
    printf("%s begins with M\n", planets[i]);</pre>
```

- When we run a program, we'll often need to supply it with information.
- This may include a file name or a switch that modifies the program's behavior.
- Examples of the UNIX 1s command:

```
ls
ls -l
ls -l remind.c
```

- Command-line information is available to all programs, not just operating system commands.
- To obtain access to *command-line arguments*, main must have two parameters:

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
   ...
}
```

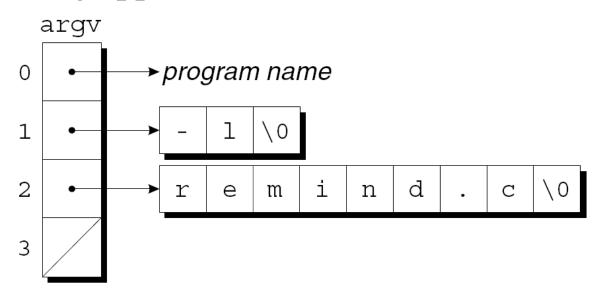
• Command-line arguments are called *program parameters* in the C standard.

- argc ("argument count") is the number of command-line arguments.
- argv ("argument vector") is an array of pointers to the command-line arguments (stored as strings).
- argv[0] points to the name of the program, while argv[1] through argv[argc-1] point to the remaining command-line arguments.
- argv[argc] is always a *null pointer*—a special pointer that points to nothing.
 - The macro NULL represents a null pointer.

• If the user enters the command line

ls -l remind.c

then argc will be 3, and argv will have the following appearance:



- Since argv is an array of pointers, accessing command-line arguments is easy.
- Typically, a program that expects command-line arguments will set up a loop that examines each argument in turn.
- One way to write such a loop is to use an integer variable as an index into the argv array:

```
int i;
for (i = 1; i < argc; i++)
  printf("%s\n", argv[i]);</pre>
```

• Another technique is to set up a pointer to argv[1], then increment the pointer repeatedly:

```
char **p;
for (p = &argv[1]; *p != NULL; p++)
  printf("%s\n", *p);
```

Program: Checking Planet Names

- The planet.c program illustrates how to access command-line arguments.
- The program is designed to check a series of strings to see which ones are names of planets.
- The strings are put on the command line: planet Jupiter venus Earth fred
- The program will indicate whether each string is a planet name and, if it is, display the planet's number:

```
Jupiter is planet 5 venus is not a planet Earth is planet 3 fred is not a planet
```

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planet.c

```
/* Checks planet names */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#define NUM PLANETS 9
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
 char *planets[] = {"Mercury", "Venus", "Earth",
                     "Mars", "Jupiter", "Saturn",
                     "Uranus", "Neptune", "Pluto"};
  int i, j;
```

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```
for (i = 1; i < argc; i++) {
   for (j = 0; j < NUM_PLANETS; j++)
     if (strcmp(argv[i], planets[j]) == 0) {
       printf("%s is planet %d\n", argv[i], j + 1);
       break;
     }
   if (j == NUM_PLANETS)
     printf("%s is not a planet\n", argv[i]);
}
return 0;</pre>
```

Chapter 14

The Preprocessor

Introduction

- Directives such as #define and #include are handled by the *preprocessor*, a piece of software that edits C programs just prior to compilation.
- Its reliance on a preprocessor makes C (along with C++) unique among major programming languages.
- The preprocessor is a powerful tool, but it also can be a source of hard-to-find bugs.

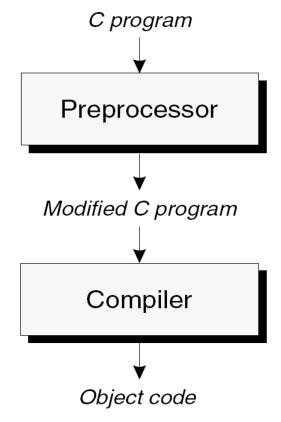
- The preprocessor looks for *preprocessing directives*, which begin with a # character.
- We've encountered the #define and #include directives before.
- #define defines a *macro*—a name that represents something else, such as a constant.
- The preprocessor responds to a #define directive by storing the name of the macro along with its definition.
- When the macro is used later, the preprocessor "expands" the macro, replacing it by its defined value.

- #include tells the preprocessor to open a particular file and "include" its contents as part of the file being compiled.
- For example, the line

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

instructs the preprocessor to open the file named stdio.h and bring its contents into the program.

• The preprocessor's role in the compilation process:



- The input to the preprocessor is a C program, possibly containing directives.
- The preprocessor executes these directives, removing them in the process.
- The preprocessor's output goes directly into the compiler.

• The celsius.c program of Chapter 2:

```
/* Converts a Fahrenheit temperature to Celsius */
#include <stdio.h>
#define FREEZING PT 32.0f
#define SCALE FACTOR (5.0f / 9.0f)
int main(void)
  float fahrenheit, celsius;
 printf("Enter Fahrenheit temperature: ");
  scanf("%f", &fahrenheit);
 celsius = (fahrenheit - FREEZING PT) * SCALE FACTOR;
 printf("Celsius equivalent is: %.1f\n", celsius);
  return 0;
```

• The program after preprocessing:

```
Blank line
Blank line
Lines brought in from stdio.h
Blank line
Blank line
Blank line
Blank line
int main (void)
  float fahrenheit, celsius;
  printf("Enter Fahrenheit temperature: ");
  scanf("%f", &fahrenheit);
  celsius = (fahrenheit - 32.0f) * (5.0f / 9.0f);
  printf("Celsius equivalent is: %.1f\n", celsius);
  return 0;
```

- The preprocessor does a bit more than just execute directives.
- In particular, it replaces each comment with a single space character.
- Some preprocessors go further and remove unnecessary white-space characters, including spaces and tabs at the beginning of indented lines.

- In the early days of C, the preprocessor was a separate program.
- Nowadays, the preprocessor is often part of the compiler, and some of its output may not necessarily be C code.
- Still, it's useful to think of the preprocessor as separate from the compiler.

- Most C compilers provide a way to view the output of the preprocessor.
- Some compilers generate preprocessor output when a certain option is specified (GCC will do so when the -E option is used).
- Others come with a separate program that behaves like the integrated preprocessor.

- A word of caution: The preprocessor has only a limited knowledge of C.
- As a result, it's quite capable of creating illegal programs as it executes directives.
- In complicated programs, examining the output of the preprocessor may prove useful for locating this kind of error.

- Most preprocessing directives fall into one of three categories:
 - Macro definition. The #define directive defines a macro; the #undef directive removes a macro definition.
 - *File inclusion*. The #include directive causes the contents of a specified file to be included in a program.
 - Conditional compilation. The #if, #ifdef,
 #ifndef, #elif, #else, and #endif directives
 allow blocks of text to be either included in or excluded from a program.

- Several rules apply to all directives.
- Directives always begin with the # symbol.

 The # symbol need not be at the beginning of a line, as long as only white space precedes it.
- Any number of spaces and horizontal tab characters may separate the tokens in a directive. Example:

```
# define N 100
```

• Directives always end at the first new-line character, unless explicitly continued.

To continue a directive to the next line, end the current line with a \ character:

- Directives can appear anywhere in a program.

 Although #define and #include directives usually appear at the beginning of a file, other
- Comments may appear on the same line as a directive.

directives are more likely to show up later.

It's good practice to put a comment at the end of a macro definition:

#define FREEZING_PT 32.0f /* freezing point of water */

Macro Definitions

- The macros that we've been using since Chapter 2 are known as *simple* macros, because they have no parameters.
- The preprocessor also supports *parameterized* macros.

• Definition of a *simple macro* (or *object-like macro*):

#define identifier replacement-list replacement-list is any sequence of preprocessing tokens.

- The replacement list may include identifiers, keywords, numeric constants, character constants, string literals, operators, and punctuation.
- Wherever *identifier* appears later in the file, the preprocessor substitutes *replacement-list*.

- Any extra symbols in a macro definition will become part of the replacement list.
- Putting the = symbol in a macro definition is a common error:

• Ending a macro definition with a semicolon is another popular mistake:

```
#define N 100;  /*** WRONG ***/
...
int a[N];  /* becomes int a[100;]; */
```

- The compiler will detect most errors caused by extra symbols in a macro definition.
- Unfortunately, the compiler will flag each use of the macro as incorrect, rather than identifying the actual culprit: the macro's definition.

• Simple macros are primarily used for defining "manifest constants"—names that represent numeric, character, and string values:

```
#define STR_LEN 80
#define TRUE 1
#define FALSE 0
#define PI 3.14159
#define CR '\r'
#define EOS '\0'
#define MEM ERR "Error: not enough memory"
```

- Advantages of using #define to create names for constants:
 - It makes programs easier to read. The name of the macro can help the reader understand the meaning of the constant.
 - It makes programs easier to modify. We can change the value of a constant throughout a program by modifying a single macro definition.
 - It helps avoid inconsistencies and typographical errors. If a numerical constant like 3.14159 appears many times in a program, chances are it will occasionally be written 3.1416 or 3.14195 by accident.



- Simple macros have additional uses.
- Making minor changes to the syntax of C

Macros can serve as alternate names for C symbols:

```
#define BEGIN {
#define END }
#define LOOP for (;;)
```

Changing the syntax of C usually isn't a good idea, since it can make programs harder for others to understand.

Renaming types

An example from Chapter 5:

#define BOOL int

Type definitions are a better alternative.

• Controlling conditional compilation

Macros play an important role in controlling conditional compilation.

A macro that might indicate "debugging mode":

#define DEBUG



- When macros are used as constants, C programmers customarily capitalize all letters in their names.
- However, there's no consensus as to how to capitalize macros used for other purposes.
 - Some programmers like to draw attention to macros by using all upper-case letters in their names.
 - Others prefer lower-case names, following the style of K&R.

• Definition of a *parameterized macro* (also known as a *function-like macro*):

```
#define identifier (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) replacement-list x_1, x_2, ..., x_n are identifiers (the macro's parameters).
```

- The parameters may appear as many times as desired in the replacement list.
- There must be *no space* between the macro name and the left parenthesis.
- If space is left, the preprocessor will treat $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$ as part of the replacement list.

- When the preprocessor encounters the definition of a parameterized macro, it stores the definition away for later use.
- Wherever a macro *invocation* of the form *identifier* $(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n)$ appears later in the program, the preprocessor replaces it with *replacement-list*, substituting y_1 for x_1 , y_2 for x_2 , and so forth.
- Parameterized macros often serve as simple functions.

• Examples of parameterized macros:

```
#define MAX(x,y) ((x)>(y)?(x):(y))
#define IS_EVEN(n) ((n)%2==0)
```

• Invocations of these macros:

```
i = MAX(j+k, m-n);
if (IS_EVEN(i)) i++;
```

• The same lines after macro replacement:

```
i = ((j+k)>(m-n)?(j+k):(m-n));
if (((i)%2==0)) i++;
```

A more complicated function-like macro:

```
#define TOUPPER(c) \
('a'<=(c) && (c)<='z'?(c)-'a'+'A':(c))
```

- The <ctype.h> header provides a similar function named toupper that's more portable.
- A parameterized macro may have an empty parameter list:

```
#define getchar() getc(stdin)
```

• The empty parameter list isn't really needed, but it makes getchar resemble a function.

- Using a parameterized macro instead of a true function has a couple of advantages:
 - The program may be slightly faster. A function call usually requires some overhead during program execution, but a macro invocation does not.
 - Macros are "generic." A macro can accept arguments of any type, provided that the resulting program is valid.

- Parameterized macros also have disadvantages.
- The compiled code will often be larger.

Each macro invocation increases the size of the source program (and hence the compiled code).

The problem is compounded when macro invocations are nested:

```
n = MAX(i, MAX(j, k));
```

The statement after preprocessing:

```
n = ((i)>(((j)>(k)?(j):(k)))?(i):(((j)>(k)?(j):(k)));
```

• Arguments aren't type-checked.

When a function is called, the compiler checks each argument to see if it has the appropriate type.

Macro arguments aren't checked by the preprocessor, nor are they converted.

• It's not possible to have a pointer to a macro.

C allows pointers to functions, a useful concept.

Macros are removed during preprocessing, so there's no corresponding notion of "pointer to a macro."



• A macro may evaluate its arguments more than once.

Unexpected behavior may occur if an argument has side effects:

```
n = MAX(i++, j);
```

The same line after preprocessing:

```
n = ((i++)>(j)?(i++):(j));
```

If i is larger than j, then i will be (incorrectly) incremented twice and n will be assigned an unexpected value.

- Errors caused by evaluating a macro argument more than once can be difficult to find, because a macro invocation looks the same as a function call.
- To make matters worse, a macro may work properly most of the time, failing only for certain arguments that have side effects.
- For self-protection, it's a good idea to avoid side effects in arguments.

Parameterized Macros

- Parameterized macros can be used as patterns for segments of code that are often repeated.
- A macro that makes it easier to display integers:

```
#define PRINT_INT(n) printf("%d\n", n)
```

• The preprocessor will turn the line

```
PRINT_INT(i/j);
into
printf("%d\n", i/j);
```

- Macro definitions may contain two special operators, # and ##.
- Neither operator is recognized by the compiler; instead, they're executed during preprocessing.
- The # operator converts a macro argument into a string literal; it can appear only in the replacement list of a parameterized macro.
- The operation performed by # is known as "stringization."

- There are a number of uses for #; let's consider just one.
- Suppose that we decide to use the PRINT_INT macro during debugging as a convenient way to print the values of integer variables and expressions.
- The # operator makes it possible for PRINT_INT to label each value that it prints.

• Our new version of PRINT INT:

```
#define PRINT_INT(n) printf(#n " = %d\n", n)
```

• The invocation

```
PRINT_INT(i/j);
will become
printf("i/j" " = %d\n", i/j);
```

• The compiler automatically joins adjacent string literals, so this statement is equivalent to

```
printf("i/j = %d\n", i/j);
```

- The ## operator can "paste" two tokens together to form a single token.
- If one of the operands is a macro parameter, pasting occurs after the parameter has been replaced by the corresponding argument.

• A macro that uses the ## operator:

```
#define MK ID(n) i##n
```

• A declaration that invokes MK ID three times:

```
int MK_ID(1), MK_ID(2), MK_ID(3);
```

• The declaration after preprocessing:

```
int i1, i2, i3;
```

- The ## operator has a variety of uses.
- Consider the problem of defining a max function that behaves like the MAX macro described earlier.
- A single max function usually isn't enough, because it will only work for arguments of one type.
- Instead, we can write a macro that expands into the definition of a max function.
- The macro's parameter will specify the type of the arguments and the return value.

- There's just one snag: if we use the macro to create more than one function named max, the program won't compile.
- To solve this problem, we'll use the ## operator to create a different name for each version of max:

```
#define GENERIC_MAX(type) \
type type##_max(type x, type y) \
{
   return x > y ? x : y;
}
```

An invocation of this macro:

```
GENERIC MAX(float)
```

• The resulting function definition:

```
float float_max(float x, float y) { return x > y ? x : y; }
```



- Several rules apply to both simple and parameterized macros.
- A macro's replacement list may contain invocations of other macros.

Example:

```
#define PI 3.14159
#define TWO PI (2*PI)
```

When it encounters TWO_PI later in the program, the preprocessor replaces it by (2*PI).

The preprocessor then *rescans* the replacement list to see if it contains invocations of other macros.



• The preprocessor replaces only entire tokens.

Macro names embedded in identifiers, character constants, and string literals are ignored.

Example:

```
#define SIZE 256
int BUFFER_SIZE;
if (BUFFER_SIZE > SIZE)
  puts("Error: SIZE exceeded");
```

Appearance after preprocessing:

```
int BUFFER_SIZE;
if (BUFFER_SIZE > 256)
  puts("Error: SIZE exceeded");
```



• A macro definition normally remains in effect until the end of the file in which it appears.

Macros don't obey normal scope rules.

A macro defined inside the body of a function isn't local to that function; it remains defined until the end of the file.

• A macro may not be defined twice unless the new definition is identical to the old one.

Differences in spacing are allowed, but the tokens in the macro's replacement list (and the parameters, if any) must be the same.



• Macros may be "undefined" by the #undef directive.

The #undef directive has the form

#undef identifier

where identifier is a macro name.

One use of #undef is to remove the existing definition of a macro so that it can be given a new definition.

Parentheses in Macro Definitions

- The replacement lists in macro definitions often require parentheses in order to avoid unexpected results.
- If the macro's replacement list contains an operator, always enclose the replacement list in parentheses:

```
#define TWO_PI (2*3.14159)
```

• Also, put parentheses around each parameter every time it appears in the replacement list:

```
\#define SCALE(x) ((x) *10)
```

• Without the parentheses, we can't guarantee that the compiler will treat replacement lists and arguments as whole expressions.

Parentheses in Macro Definitions

• An example that illustrates the need to put parentheses around a macro's replacement list:

```
#define TWO_PI 2*3.14159
/* needs parentheses around replacement list */
```

• During preprocessing, the statement

```
conversion_factor = 360/TWO_PI;
```

becomes

```
conversion factor = 360/2*3.14159;
```

The division will be performed before the multiplication.

Parentheses in Macro Definitions

• Each occurrence of a parameter in a macro's replacement list needs parentheses as well:

```
#define SCALE(x) (x*10)
  /* needs parentheses around x */
```

• During preprocessing, the statement

```
j = SCALE(i+1);
```

becomes

$$j = (i+1*10);$$

This statement is equivalent to

```
j = i+10;
```



- The comma operator can be useful for creating more sophisticated macros by allowing us to make the replacement list a series of expressions.
- A macro that reads a string and then prints it:

 #define ECHO(s) (gets(s), puts(s))
- Calls of gets and puts are expressions, so it's perfectly legal to combine them using the comma operator.
- We can invoke ECHO as though it were a function:

```
ECHO(str); /* becomes (gets(str), puts(str)); */
```

• An alternative definition of ECHO that uses braces:

```
#define ECHO(s) { gets(s); puts(s); }
```

• Suppose that we use ECHO in an if statement:

```
if (echo_flag)
   ECHO(str);
else
   gets(str);
```

• Replacing ECHO gives the following result:

```
if (echo_flag)
    { gets(str); puts(str); };
else
    gets(str);
```



• The compiler treats the first two lines as a complete if statement:

```
if (echo_flag)
    { gets(str); puts(str); }
```

- It treats the semicolon that follows as a null statement and produces an error message for the else clause, since it doesn't belong to any if.
- We could solve the problem by remembering not to put a semicolon after each invocation of ECHO, but then the program would look odd.

- The comma operator solves this problem for ECHO, but not for all macros.
- If a macro needs to contain a series of *statements*, not just a series of *expressions*, the comma operator is of no help.
- The solution is to wrap the statements in a do loop whose condition is false:

```
do \{ \dots \} while (0)
```

• Notice that the do statement needs a semicolon at the end.



A modified version of the ECHO macro:

```
#define ECHO(s) \
    do {
        gets(s); \
        puts(s); \
        while (0)
```

• When ECHO is used, it must be followed by a semicolon, which completes the do statement:

```
ECHO(str);
/* becomes
do { gets(str); puts(str); } while (0); */
```

Predefined Macros

- C has several predefined macros, each of which represents an integer constant or string literal.
- The __DATE__ and __TIME__ macros identify when a program was compiled.
- Example of using __DATE__ and __TIME__:

 printf("Wacky Windows (c) 2010 Wacky Software, Inc.\n");

 printf("Compiled on %s at %s\n", __DATE__, __TIME__);
- Output produced by these statements:
 Wacky Windows (c) 2010 Wacky Software, Inc.
 Compiled on Dec 23 2010 at 22:18:48
- This information can be helpful for distinguishing among different versions of the same program.

Predefined Macros

- We can use the __LINE__ and __FILE__ macros to help locate errors.
- A macro that can help pinpoint the location of a division by zero:

• The CHECK_ZERO macro would be invoked prior to a division:

```
CHECK_ZERO(j);
k = i / j;
```



Predefined Macros

• If j happens to be zero, a message of the following form will be printed:

```
*** Attempt to divide by zero on line 9 of file foo.c ***
```

- Error-detecting macros like this one are quite useful.
- In fact, the C library has a general-purpose errordetecting macro named assert.
- The remaining predefined macro is named ___STDC___.
- This macro exists and has the value 1 if the compiler conforms to the C standard (either C89 or C99).

Additional Predefined Macros in C99

- C99 provides a few additional predefined macros.
- The __STDC__HOSTED__ macro represents the constant 1 if the compiler is a hosted implementation. Otherwise, the macro has the value 0.
- An *implementation* of C consists of the compiler plus other software necessary to execute C programs.
- A *hosted implementation* must accept any program that conforms to the C99 standard.
- A *freestanding implementation* doesn't have to compile programs that use complex types or standard headers beyond a few of the most basic.

Additional Predefined Macros in C99

- The __STDC__VERSION__ macro provides a way to check which version of the C standard is recognized by the compiler.
 - If a compiler conforms to the C89 standard, including Amendment 1, the value is 199409⊥.
 - If a compiler conforms to the C99 standard, the value is 199901L.

Additional Predefined Macros in C99

• A C99 compiler will define up to three additional macros, but only if the compiler meets certain requirements:

__STDC_IEC_559__ is defined (and has the value 1) if the compiler performs floating-point arithmetic according to IEC 60559.

__STDC_IEC_559_COMPLEX__ is defined (and has the value 1) if the compiler performs complex arithmetic according to IEC 60559.

__STDC_ISO_10646__ is defined as *yyyymm*L if wide characters are represented by the codes in ISO/IEC 10646 (with revisions as of the specified year and month).

- C99 allows any or all of the arguments in a macro call to be empty.
- Such a call will contain the same number of commas as a normal call.
- Wherever the corresponding parameter name appears in the replacement list, it's replaced by nothing.

• Example:

```
\#define ADD(x,y) (x+y)
```

• After preprocessing, the statement

$$i = ADD(j,k);$$

becomes

$$i = (j+k);$$

whereas the statement

$$i = ADD(,k);$$

becomes

$$i = (+k);$$



- When an empty argument is an operand of the # or ## operators, special rules apply.
- If an empty argument is "stringized" by the # operator, the result is "" (the empty string):

```
#define MK_STR(x) #x
...
char empty string[] = MK STR();
```

• The declaration after preprocessing:

```
char empty_string[] = "";
```

- If one of the arguments of the ## operator is empty, it's replaced by an invisible "placemarker" token.
- Concatenating an ordinary token with a placemarker token yields the original token (the placemarker disappears).
- If two placemarker tokens are concatenated, the result is a single placemarker.
- Once macro expansion has been completed, placemarker tokens disappear from the program.

• Example:

```
#define JOIN(x,y,z) x##y##z
...
int JOIN(a,b,c), JOIN(a,b,), JOIN(a,,c), JOIN(,,c);
```

• The declaration after preprocessing:

```
int abc, ab, ac, c;
```

- The missing arguments were replaced by placemarker tokens, which then disappeared when concatenated with any nonempty arguments.
- All three arguments to the JOIN macro could even be missing, which would yield an empty result.

Macros with a Variable Number of Arguments (C99)

- C99 allows macros that take an unlimited number of arguments.
- A macro of this kind can pass its arguments to a function that accepts a variable number of arguments.
- Example:

```
#define TEST(condition, ...) ((condition)? \
  printf("Passed test: %s\n", #condition): \
  printf(__VA_ARGS___))
```

- The . . . token (*ellipsis*) goes at the end of the parameter list, preceded by ordinary parameters, if any.
- ___VA_ARGS___ is a special identifier that represents all the arguments that correspond to the ellipsis.

Macros with a Variable Number of Arguments (C99)

• An example that uses the TEST macro:

```
TEST(voltage <= max_voltage,
     "Voltage %d exceeds %d\n", voltage, max voltage);</pre>
```

• Preprocessor output (reformatted for readability):

```
((voltage <= max_voltage)?
  printf("Passed test: %s\n", "voltage <= max_voltage"):
  printf("Voltage %d exceeds %d\n", voltage, max_voltage));</pre>
```

• The program will display the message

```
Passed test: voltage <= max_voltage
if voltage is no more than max_voltage.</pre>
```

 Otherwise, it will display the values of voltage and max_voltage:

```
Voltage 125 exceeds 120
```

The **func** Identifier (C99)

- The __func__ identifier behaves like a string variable that stores the name of the currently executing function.
- The effect is the same as if each function contains the following declaration at the beginning of its body:

```
static const char __func__[] = "function-name";
where function-name is the name of the function.
```

The __func_ | Identifier (C99)

• Debugging macros that rely on the __func__ identifier:

```
#define FUNCTION_CALLED() printf("%s called\n", __func__);
#define FUNCTION_RETURNS() printf("%s returns\n", __func__);
```

These macros can used to trace function calls:

```
void f(void)
{
   FUNCTION_CALLED();    /* displays "f called" */
   ...
   FUNCTION_RETURNS();    /* displays "f returns" */
}
```

• Another use of ___func___: it can be passed to a function to let it know the name of the function that called it.

Conditional Compilation

- The C preprocessor recognizes a number of directives that support *conditional compilation*.
- This feature permits the inclusion or exclusion of a section of program text depending on the outcome of a test performed by the preprocessor.

- Suppose we're in the process of debugging a program.
- We'd like the program to print the values of certain variables, so we put calls of printf in critical parts of the program.
- Once we've located the bugs, it's often a good idea to let the printf calls remain, just in case we need them later.
- Conditional compilation allows us to leave the calls in place, but have the compiler ignore them.

• The first step is to define a macro and give it a nonzero value:

```
#define DEBUG 1
```

• Next, we'll surround each group of printf calls by an #if-#endif pair:

```
#if DEBUG
printf("Value of i: %d\n", i);
printf("Value of j: %d\n", j);
#endif
```

- During preprocessing, the #if directive will test the value of DEBUG.
- Since its value isn't zero, the preprocessor will leave the two calls of printf in the program.
- If we change the value of DEBUG to zero and recompile the program, the preprocessor will remove all four lines from the program.
- The #if-#endif blocks can be left in the final program, allowing diagnostic information to be produced later if any problems turn up.

- General form of the #if and #endif directives:
 #if constant-expression
 - #endif
- When the preprocessor encounters the #if directive, it evaluates the constant expression.
- If the value of the expression is zero, the lines between #if and #endif will be removed from the program during preprocessing.
- Otherwise, the lines between #if and #endif will remain.

- The #if directive treats undefined identifiers as macros that have the value 0.
- If we neglect to define DEBUG, the test

```
#if DEBUG
```

will fail (but not generate an error message).

• The test

```
#if !DEBUG
```

will succeed.

The defined Operator

- The preprocessor supports three operators: #, ##, and defined.
- When applied to an identifier, defined produces the value 1 if the identifier is a currently defined macro; it produces 0 otherwise.
- The defined operator is normally used in conjunction with the #if directive.

The defined Operator

• Example:

```
#if defined(DEBUG)
...
#endif
```

- The lines between #if and #endif will be included only if DEBUG is defined as a macro.
- The parentheses around DEBUG aren't required:

```
#if defined DEBUG
```

• It's not necessary to give DEBUG a value:

```
#define DEBUG
```

The #ifdef and #ifndef Directives

• The #ifdef directive tests whether an identifier is currently defined as a macro:

```
#ifdef identifier
```

• The effect is the same as

```
#if defined (identifier)
```

• The #ifndef directive tests whether an identifier is *not* currently defined as a macro:

```
#ifndef identifier
```

• The effect is the same as

```
#if !defined(identifier)
```

The #elif and #else Directives

- #if, #ifdef, and #ifndef blocks can be nested just like ordinary if statements.
- When nesting occurs, it's a good idea to use an increasing amount of indentation as the level of nesting grows.
- Some programmers put a comment on each closing #endif to indicate what condition the matching #if tests:

```
#if DEBUG
...
#endif /* DEBUG */
```

The #elif and #else Directives

 #elif and #else can be used in conjunction with #if, #ifdef, or #ifndef to test a series of conditions:

```
#if expr!
Lines to be included if expr! is nonzero
#elif expr2
Lines to be included if expr! is zero but expr2 is nonzero
#else
Lines to be included otherwise
#endif
```

• Any number of #elif directives—but at most one #else—may appear between #if and #endif.

- Conditional compilation has other uses besides debugging.
- Writing programs that are portable to several machines or operating systems.

Example:

```
#if defined(WIN32)
...
#elif defined(MAC_OS)
...
#elif defined(LINUX)
...
#endif
```

• Writing programs that can be compiled with different compilers.

An example that uses the ___STDC__ macro:

#if __STDC__
Function prototypes
#else
Old-style function declarations
#endif

If the compiler does not conform to the C standard, old-style function declarations are used instead of function prototypes.



• Providing a default definition for a macro.

Conditional compilation makes it possible to check whether a macro is currently defined and, if not, give it a default definition:

```
#ifndef BUFFER_SIZE
#define BUFFER_SIZE 256
#endif
```

• Temporarily disabling code that contains comments.

```
A /*...*/ comment can't be used to "comment out" code that already contains /*...*/
comments.
```

An #if directive can be used instead:

```
#if 0
Lines containing comments
#endif
```

• Chapter 15 discusses another common use of conditional compilation: protecting header files against multiple inclusion.

Miscellaneous Directives

- The #error, #line, and #pragma directives are more specialized than the ones we've already examined.
- These directives are used much less frequently.

The #error Directive

• Form of the #error directive:

```
#error message
```

- message is any sequence of tokens.
- If the preprocessor encounters an #error directive, it prints an error message which must include *message*.
- If an #error directive is processed, some compilers immediately terminate compilation without attempting to find other errors.

The #error Directive

- #error directives are frequently used in conjunction with conditional compilation.
- Example that uses an #error directive to test the maximum value of the int type:

```
#if INT_MAX < 100000
#error int type is too small
#endif</pre>
```

The #error Directive

• The #error directive is often found in the #else part of an #if-#elif-#else series: #if defined(WIN32) #elif defined (MAC OS) #elif defined(LINUX) #else #error No operating system specified #endif

The #line Directive

- The #line directive is used to alter the way program lines are numbered.
- First form of the #line directive:

```
#line n
```

Subsequent lines in the program will be numbered n, n + 1, n + 2, and so forth.

• Second form of the #line directive:

```
#line n "file"
```

Subsequent lines are assumed to come from file, with line numbers starting at n.

The #line Directive

- The #line directive changes the value of the __LINE__ macro (and possibly __FILE__).
- Most compilers will use the information from the #line directive when generating error messages.
- Suppose that the following directive appears at the beginning of foo.c:

```
#line 10 "bar.c"
```

If the compiler detects an error on line 5 of foo.c, the message will refer to line 13 of file bar.c.

• The #line directive is used primarily by programs that generate C code as output.



The #line Directive

- The most famous example is yacc (Yet Another Compiler-Compiler), a UNIX utility that automatically generates part of a compiler.
- The programmer prepares a file that contains information for yacc as well as fragments of C code.
- From this file, yacc generates a C program, y.tab.c, that incorporates the code supplied by the programmer.
- By inserting #line directives, yacc tricks the compiler into believing that the code comes from the original file.
- Error messages produced during the compilation of y.tab.c will refer to lines in the original file.

The #pragma Directive

- The #pragma directive provides a way to request special behavior from the compiler.
- Form of a #pragma directive: #pragma tokens
- #pragma directives can be very simple (a single token) or they can be much more elaborate:

```
#pragma data(heap_size => 1000, stack_size => 2000)
```

The #pragma Directive

- The set of commands that can appear in #pragma directives is different for each compiler.
- The preprocessor must ignore any #pragma directive that contains an unrecognized command; it's not permitted to give an error message.
- In C89, there are no standard pragmas—they're all implementation-defined.
- C99 has three standard pragmas, all of which use STDC as the first token following #pragma.

- C99 introduces the _Pragma operator, which is used in conjunction with the #pragma directive.
- A _Pragma expression has the form Pragma (*string-literal*)
- When it encounters such an expression, the preprocessor "destringizes" the string literal:
 - Double quotes around the string are removed.
 - \" is replaced by ".
 - \\ is replaced by \.

- The resulting tokens are then treated as though they appear in a #pragma directive.
- For example, writing

```
_Pragma("data(heap_size => 1000, stack_size => 2000)")
```

is the same as writing

#pragma data(heap_size => 1000, stack_size => 2000)

- The _Pragma operator lets us work around the fact that a preprocessing directive can't generate another directive.
- _Pragma, however, is an operator, not a directive, and can therefore appear in a macro definition.
- This makes it possible for a macro expansion to leave behind a #pragma directive.

• A macro that uses the _Pragma operator:

```
#define DO PRAGMA(x) Pragma(#x)
```

• An invocation of the macro:

```
DO PRAGMA (GCC dependency "parse.y")
```

• The result after expansion:

```
#pragma GCC dependency "parse.y"
```

- The tokens passed to DO_PRAGMA are stringized into "GCC dependency \"parse.y\"".
- The _Pragma operator destringizes this string, producing a #pragma directive.

Chapter 16

Structures, Unions, and Enumerations

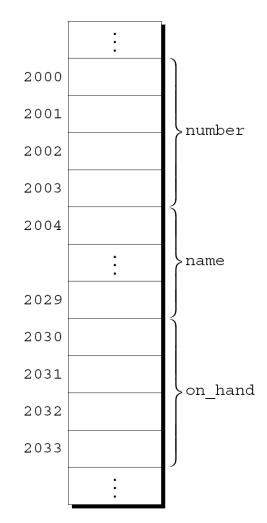
Structure Variables

- The properties of a *structure* are different from those of an array.
 - The elements of a structure (its *members*) aren't required to have the same type.
 - The members of a structure have names; to select a particular member, we specify its name, not its position.
- In some languages, structures are called *records*, and members are known as *fields*.

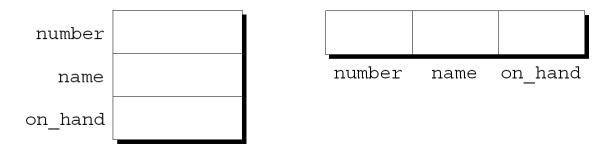
- A structure is a logical choice for storing a collection of related data items.
- A declaration of two structure variables that store information about parts in a warehouse:

```
struct {
  int number;
  char name[NAME_LEN+1];
  int on_hand;
} part1, part2;
```

- The members of a structure are stored in memory in the order in which they're declared.
- Appearance of part1 ———
- Assumptions:
 - part1 is located at address 2000.
 - Integers occupy four bytes.
 - NAME_LEN has the value 25.
 - There are no gaps between the members.



Abstract representations of a structure:



• Member values will go in the boxes later.

- Each structure represents a new scope.
- Any names declared in that scope won't conflict with other names in a program.
- In C terminology, each structure has a separate *name space* for its members.

• For example, the following declarations can appear in the same program:

```
struct {
  int number;
  char name[NAME LEN+1];
  int on hand;
} part1, part2;
struct {
  char name[NAME LEN+1];
  int number;
  char sex;
} employee1, employee2;
```

Initializing Structure Variables

• A structure declaration may include an initializer:

```
struct {
  int number;
  char name[NAME_LEN+1];
  int on_hand;
} part1 = {528, "Disk drive", 10},
  part2 = {914, "Printer cable", 5};
```

• Appearance of part1 after initialization:

```
number 528

name Disk drive

on_hand 10
```

Initializing Structure Variables

- Structure initializers follow rules similar to those for array initializers.
- Expressions used in a structure initializer must be constant. (This restriction is relaxed in C99.)
- An initializer can have fewer members than the structure it's initializing.
- Any "leftover" members are given 0 as their initial value.

Designated Initializers (C99)

- C99's designated initializers can be used with structures.
- The initializer for part1 shown in the previous example:

```
{528, "Disk drive", 10}
```

• In a designated initializer, each value would be labeled by the name of the member that it initializes:

```
{.number = 528, .name = "Disk drive", .on hand = 10}
```

• The combination of the period and the member name is called a *designator*.

Designated Initializers (C99)

- Designated initializers are easier to read and check for correctness.
- Also, values in a designated initializer don't have to be placed in the same order that the members are listed in the structure.
 - The programmer doesn't have to remember the order in which the members were originally declared.
 - The order of the members can be changed in the future without affecting designated initializers.

Designated Initializers (C99)

- Not all values listed in a designated initializer need be prefixed by a designator.
- Example:

```
{.number = 528, "Disk drive", .on_hand = 10}
The compiler assumes that "Disk drive"
initializes the member that follows number in the structure.
```

• Any members that the initializer fails to account for are set to zero.

- To access a member within a structure, we write the name of the structure first, then a period, then the name of the member.
- Statements that display the values of part1's members:

```
printf("Part number: %d\n", part1.number);
printf("Part name: %s\n", part1.name);
printf("Quantity on hand: %d\n", part1.on_hand);
```

- The members of a structure are Ivalues.
- They can appear on the left side of an assignment or as the operand in an increment or decrement expression:

```
part1.number = 258;
  /* changes part1's part number */
part1.on_hand++;
  /* increments part1's quantity on hand */
```

- The period used to access a structure member is actually a C operator.
- It takes precedence over nearly all other operators.
- Example:

```
scanf("%d", &part1.on hand);
```

The . operator takes precedence over the & operator, so & computes the address of part1.on_hand.

- The other major structure operation is assignment: part2 = part1;
- The effect of this statement is to copy part1.number into part2.number, part1.name into part2.name, and so on.

- Arrays can't be copied using the = operator, but an array embedded within a structure is copied when the enclosing structure is copied.
- Some programmers exploit this property by creating "dummy" structures to enclose arrays that will be copied later:

```
struct { int a[10]; } a1, a2;
a1 = a2;
/* legal, since a1 and a2 are structures */
```

- The = operator can be used only with structures of *compatible* types.
- Two structures declared at the same time (as part1 and part2 were) are compatible.
- Structures declared using the same "structure tag" or the same type name are also compatible.
- Other than assignment, C provides no operations on entire structures.
- In particular, the == and != operators can't be used with structures.

Structure Types

- Suppose that a program needs to declare several structure variables with identical members.
- We need a name that represents a *type* of structure, not a particular structure *variable*.
- Ways to name a structure:
 - Declare a "structure tag"
 - Use typedef to define a type name

- A *structure tag* is a name used to identify a particular kind of structure.
- The declaration of a structure tag named part:

```
struct part {
  int number;
  char name[NAME_LEN+1];
  int on_hand;
};
```

• Note that a semicolon must follow the right brace.

• The part tag can be used to declare variables: struct part part1, part2;

• We can't drop the word struct:

```
part part1, part2; /*** WRONG ***/
part isn't a type name; without the word
struct, it is meaningless.
```

• Since structure tags aren't recognized unless preceded by the word struct, they don't conflict with other names used in a program.

• The declaration of a structure *tag* can be combined with the declaration of structure *variables*:

```
struct part {
  int number;
  char name[NAME_LEN+1];
  int on_hand;
} part1, part2;
```

• All structures declared to have type struct part are compatible with one another:

```
struct part part1 = {528, "Disk drive", 10};
struct part part2;

part2 = part1;
  /* legal; both parts have the same type */
```

Defining a Structure Type

- As an alternative to declaring a structure tag, we can use typedef to define a genuine type name.
- A definition of a type named Part:

```
typedef struct {
  int number;
  char name[NAME_LEN+1];
  int on_hand;
} Part;
```

 Part can be used in the same way as the built-in types:

```
Part part1, part2;
```

Defining a Structure Type

- When it comes time to name a structure, we can usually choose either to declare a structure tag or to use typedef.
- However, declaring a structure tag is mandatory when the structure is to be used in a linked list (Chapter 17).

- Functions may have structures as arguments and return values.
- A function with a structure argument:

```
void print_part(struct part p)
{
  printf("Part number: %d\n", p.number);
  printf("Part name: %s\n", p.name);
  printf("Quantity on hand: %d\n", p.on_hand);
}
```

A call of print_part: print part(part1);



• A function that returns a part structure:

```
struct part build part (int number,
                           const char *name,
                           int on hand)
    struct part p;
    p.number = number;
    strcpy(p.name, name);
    p.on hand = on hand;
    return p;

    A call of build part:

  part1 = build part(528, "Disk drive", 10);
```

- Passing a structure to a function and returning a structure from a function both require making a copy of all members in the structure.
- To avoid this overhead, it's sometimes advisable to pass a pointer to a structure or return a pointer to a structure.
- Chapter 17 gives examples of functions that have a pointer to a structure as an argument and/or return a pointer to a structure.

- There are other reasons to avoid copying structures.
- For example, the <stdio.h> header defines a type named FILE, which is typically a structure.
- Each FILE structure stores information about the state of an open file and therefore must be unique in a program.
- Every function in <stdio.h> that opens a file returns a pointer to a FILE structure.
- Every function that performs an operation on an open file requires a FILE pointer as an argument.



• Within a function, the initializer for a structure variable can be another structure:

```
void f(struct part part1)
{
   struct part part2 = part1;
...
}
```

• The structure being initialized must have automatic storage duration.

Compound Literals (C99)

- Chapter 9 introduced the C99 feature known as the *compound literal*.
- A compound literal can be used to create a structure "on the fly," without first storing it in a variable.
- The resulting structure can be passed as a parameter, returned by a function, or assigned to a variable.

Compound Literals (C99)

• A compound literal can be used to create a structure that will be passed to a function: print_part((struct part) {528, "Disk drive", 10}); The compound literal is shown in **bold**.

- A compound literal can also be assigned to a variable: part1 = (struct part) {528, "Disk drive", 10};
- A compound literal consists of a type name within parentheses, followed by a set of values in braces.
- When a compound literal represents a structure, the type name can be a structure tag preceded by the word struct or a typedef name.

Compound Literals (C99)

• A compound literal may contain designators, just like a designated initializer:

• A compound literal may fail to provide full initialization, in which case any uninitialized members default to zero.

Nested Arrays and Structures

- Structures and arrays can be combined without restriction.
- Arrays may have structures as their elements, and structures may contain arrays and structures as members.

Nested Structures

- Nesting one structure inside another is often useful.
- Suppose that person_name is the following structure:

```
struct person_name {
  char first[FIRST_NAME_LEN+1];
  char middle_initial;
  char last[LAST_NAME_LEN+1];
};
```

Nested Structures

• We can use person_name as part of a larger structure:

```
struct student {
   struct person_name name;
   int id, age;
   char sex;
} student1, student2;
```

• Accessing student1's first name, middle initial, or last name requires two applications of the . operator:

```
strcpy(student1.name.first, "Fred");
```

Nested Structures

- Having name be a structure makes it easier to treat names as units of data.
- A function that displays a name could be passed one person_name argument instead of three arguments: display_name(student1.name);
- Copying the information from a person_name structure to the name member of a student structure would take one assignment instead of three:

```
struct person_name new_name;
...
student1.name = new_name;
```

Arrays of Structures

- One of the most common combinations of arrays and structures is an array whose elements are structures.
- This kind of array can serve as a simple database.
- An array of part structures capable of storing information about 100 parts:

```
struct part inventory[100];
```

Arrays of Structures

• Accessing a part in the array is done by using subscripting:

```
print part(inventory[i]);
```

• Accessing a member within a part structure requires a combination of subscripting and member selection:

```
inventory[i].number = 883;
```

• Accessing a single character in a part name requires subscripting, followed by selection, followed by subscripting:

```
inventory[i].name[0] = ' \setminus 0';
```



- Initializing an array of structures is done in much the same way as initializing a multidimensional array.
- Each structure has its own brace-enclosed initializer; the array initializer wraps another set of braces around the structure initializers.

- One reason for initializing an array of structures is that it contains information that won't change during program execution.
- Example: an array that contains country codes used when making international telephone calls.
- The elements of the array will be structures that store the name of a country along with its code:

```
struct dialing_code {
  char *country;
  int code;
};
```

```
const struct dialing code country codes[] =
  {{"Argentina",
                             54}, {"Bangladesh",
                                                        880},
   {"Brazil",
                             55}, {"Burma (Myanmar)",
                                                         95},
   {"China",
                            86}, {"Colombia",
                                                         57},
                                                         20},
   {"Congo, Dem. Rep. of", 243}, {"Egypt",
   {"Ethiopia",
                            251}, {"France",
                                                         33},
                            49}, {"India",
   {"Germany",
                                                         91},
   {"Indonesia",
                                                         98},
                             62}, {"Iran",
   {"Italy",
                             39}, {"Japan",
                                                         81},
   {"Mexico",
                             52}, {"Nigeria",
                                                        234},
   {"Pakistan",
                             92}, {"Philippines",
                                                         63},
   {"Poland",
                             48}, {"Russia",
                                                         7 } ,
   {"South Africa",
                             27}, {"South Korea",
                                                         82},
   {"Spain",
                             34}, {"Sudan",
                                                        249},
   {"Thailand",
                            66}, {"Turkey",
                                                         90},
   {"Ukraine",
                            380}, {"United Kingdom",
                                                         44},
   {"United States",
                              1}, {"Vietnam",
                                                         84}};
```

• The inner braces around each structure value are optional.



- C99's designated initializers allow an item to have more than one designator.
- A declaration of the inventory array that uses a designated initializer to create a single part:

```
struct part inventory[100] =
    {[0].number = 528, [0].on_hand = 10,
    [0].name[0] = '\0'};
```

The first two items in the initializer use two designators; the last item uses three.

Program: Maintaining a Parts Database

- The inventory.c program illustrates how nested arrays and structures are used in practice.
- The program tracks parts stored in a warehouse.
- Information about the parts is stored in an array of structures.
- Contents of each structure:
 - Part number
 - Name
 - Quantity



- Operations supported by the program:
 - Add a new part number, part name, and initial quantity on hand
 - Given a part number, print the name of the part and the current quantity on hand
 - Given a part number, change the quantity on hand
 - Print a table showing all information in the database
 - Terminate program execution

- The codes i (insert), s (search), u (update), p (print), and q (quit) will be used to represent these operations.
- A session with the program:

```
Enter operation code: <u>i</u>
Enter part number: <u>528</u>
Enter part name: <u>Disk drive</u>
Enter quantity on hand: <u>10</u>

Enter operation code: <u>s</u>
Enter part number: <u>528</u>
Part name: Disk drive
Quantity on hand: 10
```

```
Enter operation code: s
Enter part number: 914
Part not found.
Enter operation code: i
Enter part number: 914
Enter part name: Printer cable
Enter quantity on hand: 5
Enter operation code: u
Enter part number: 528
Enter change in quantity on hand: -2
```

Enter operation code: <u>s</u>
Enter part number: <u>528</u>
Part name: Disk drive
Quantity on hand: 8

Enter operation code: p

Part Number Part Name Quantity on Hand 528 Disk drive 8 914 Printer cable 5

Enter operation code: q

- The program will store information about each part in a structure.
- The structures will be stored in an array named inventory.
- A variable named num_parts will keep track of the number of parts currently stored in the array.

• An outline of the program's main loop:

```
for (;;) {
  prompt user to enter operation code;
  read code;
  switch (code) {
     case 'i': perform insert operation; break;
     case 's': perform search operation; break;
     case 'u': perform update operation; break;
     case 'p': perform print operation; break;
     case 'q': terminate program;
    default: print error message;
```

- Separate functions will perform the insert, search, update, and print operations.
- Since the functions will all need access to inventory and num_parts, these variables will be external.
- The program is split into three files:
 - inventory.c (the bulk of the program)
 - readline.h (contains the prototype for the read_line function)
 - readline.c (contains the definition of read line)

inventory.c

```
/* Maintains a parts database (array version) */
#include <stdio.h>
#include "readline.h"
#define NAME LEN 25
#define MAX PARTS 100
struct part {
  int number;
  char name[NAME LEN+1];
  int on hand;
} inventory[MAX PARTS];
int num parts = 0; /* number of parts currently stored */
int find part(int number);
void insert(void);
void search(void);
void update(void);
void print(void);
```

```
/*******************
                                               *
* main: Prompts the user to enter an operation code,
       then calls a function to perform the requested
*
*
       action. Repeats until the user enters the
       command 'q'. Prints an error message if the user
       enters an illegal code.
                                               *
int main(void)
 char code;
 for (;;) {
   printf("Enter operation code: ");
   scanf(" %c", &code);
   while (getchar() != '\n') /* skips to end of line */
```

```
switch (code) {
  case 'i': insert();
            break;
  case 's': search();
            break;
  case 'u': update();
            break;
  case 'p': print();
            break;
  case 'q': return 0;
  default: printf("Illegal code\n");
printf("\n");
```

```
/*********************
  find part: Looks up a part number in the inventory
                                            *
          array. Returns the array index if the part
          number is found; otherwise, returns -1.
                                            *
int find part(int number)
 int i;
 for (i = 0; i < num parts; i++)
   if (inventory[i].number == number)
    return i;
 return -1;
```

```
/*********************
  insert: Prompts the user for information about a new
         part and then inserts the part into the
 *
 *
         database. Prints an error message and returns
         prematurely if the part already exists or the
 *
          database is full.
                                                    *
 **************************************
void insert(void)
 int part number;
    (num parts == MAX PARTS) {
   printf("Database is full; can't add more parts.\n");
   return;
```

```
printf("Enter part number: ");
scanf("%d", &part number);
if (find part(part number) >= 0) {
  printf("Part already exists.\n");
  return;
inventory[num parts].number = part number;
printf("Enter part name: ");
read line(inventory[num parts].name, NAME LEN);
printf("Enter quantity on hand: ");
scanf("%d", &inventory[num parts].on hand);
num parts++;
```

```
/*********************
  search: Prompts the user to enter a part number, then
 *
         looks up the part in the database. If the part
 *
         exists, prints the name and quantity on hand;
                                                  \star
         if not, prints an error message.
                                                  *
 void search(void)
 int i, number;
 printf("Enter part number: ");
 scanf("%d", &number);
 i = find part(number);
 if (i >= 0) {
   printf("Part name: %s\n", inventory[i].name);
   printf("Quantity on hand: %d\n", inventory[i].on hand);
 } else
   printf("Part not found.\n");
```

```
/***********************
                                                   *
  update: Prompts the user to enter a part number.
 *
         Prints an error message if the part doesn't
 *
         exist; otherwise, prompts the user to enter
         change in quantity on hand and updates the
 *
         database.
                                                  *
 void update (void)
 int i, number, change;
 printf("Enter part number: ");
 scanf("%d", &number);
 i = find part(number);
 if (i >= 0) {
   printf("Enter change in quantity on hand: ");
   scanf ("%d", &change);
   inventory[i].on hand += change;
 } else
   printf("Part not found.\n");
```

```
/*********************
* print: Prints a listing of all parts in the database,
        showing the part number, part name, and
 *
                                                 \star
 *
        quantity on hand. Parts are printed in the
        order in which they were entered into the
 *
        database.
                                                 *
void print(void)
 int i;
                                           **
 printf("Part Number Part Name
       "Quantity on Hand\n");
 for (i = 0; i < num parts; i++)
   printf("%7d %-25s%11d\n", inventory[i].number,
         inventory[i].name, inventory[i].on hand);
```

- The version of read_line in Chapter 13 won't work properly in the current program.
- Consider what happens when the user inserts a part:

```
Enter part number: <u>528</u>
Enter part name: Disk drive
```

- The user presses the Enter key after entering the part number, leaving an invisible new-line character that the program must read.
- When scanf reads the part number, it consumes the 5, 2, and 8, but leaves the new-line character unread.

- If we try to read the part name using the original read_line function, it will encounter the new-line character immediately and stop reading.
- This problem is common when numerical input is followed by character input.
- One solution is to write a version of read_line that skips white-space characters before it begins storing characters.
- This solves the new-line problem and also allows us to avoid storing blanks that precede the part name.

readline.h

```
#ifndef READLINE H
#define READLINE H
/*******************
  read line: Skips leading white-space characters, then
          reads the remainder of the input line and
          stores it in str. Truncates the line if its
          length exceeds n. Returns the number of
          characters stored.
int read line(char str[], int n);
#endif
```

readline.c

```
#include <ctype.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "readline.h"
int read line(char str[], int n)
  int ch, i = 0;
  while (isspace(ch = getchar()))
  while (ch != '\n' \&\& ch != EOF) {
    if (i < n)
      str[i++] = ch;
    ch = getchar();
  str[i] = ' \setminus 0';
  return i;
```

- A *union*, like a structure, consists of one or more members, possibly of different types.
- The compiler allocates only enough space for the largest of the members, which overlay each other within this space.
- Assigning a new value to one member alters the values of the other members as well.

• An example of a union variable:

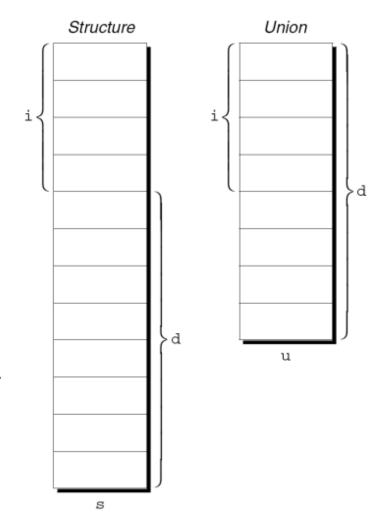
```
union {
  int i;
  double d;
} u;
```

• The declaration of a union closely resembles a structure declaration:

```
struct {
  int i;
  double d;
} s;
```



- The structure s and the union u differ in just one way.
- The members of s are stored at different addresses in memory.
- The members of u are stored at the same address.





• Members of a union are accessed in the same way as members of a structure:

```
u.i = 82;

u.d = 74.8;
```

- Changing one member of a union alters any value previously stored in any of the other members.
 - Storing a value in u.d causes any value previously stored in u.i to be lost.
 - Changing u.i corrupts u.d.

- The properties of unions are almost identical to the properties of structures.
- We can declare union tags and union types in the same way we declare structure tags and types.
- Like structures, unions can be copied using the = operator, passed to functions, and returned by functions.

- Only the first member of a union can be given an initial value.
- How to initialize the i member of u to 0:

```
union {
   int i;
   double d;
} u = {0};
```

• The expression inside the braces must be constant. (The rules are slightly different in C99.)

- Designated initializers can also be used with unions.
- A designated initializer allows us to specify which member of a union should be initialized:

```
union {
  int i;
  double d;
} u = {.d = 10.0};
```

• Only one member can be initialized, but it doesn't have to be the first one.

- Applications for unions:
 - Saving space
 - Building mixed data structures
 - Viewing storage in different ways (discussed in Chapter 20)

- Unions can be used to save space in structures.
- Suppose that we're designing a structure that will contain information about an item that's sold through a gift catalog.
- Each item has a stock number and a price, as well as other information that depends on the type of the item:

Books: Title, author, number of pages

Mugs: Design

Shirts: Design, colors available, sizes available



• A first attempt at designing the catalog_item structure:

```
struct catalog item {
  int stock number;
  double price;
  int item type;
  char title[TITLE LEN+1];
  char author[AUTHOR LEN+1];
  int num pages;
  char design[DESIGN LEN+1];
  int colors;
  int sizes;
```

- The item_type member would have one of the values BOOK, MUG, or SHIRT.
- The colors and sizes members would store encoded combinations of colors and sizes.
- This structure wastes space, since only part of the information in the structure is common to all items in the catalog.
- By putting a union inside the catalog_item structure, we can reduce the space required by the structure.

```
struct catalog item {
  int stock number;
 double price;
  int item type;
  union {
    struct {
      char title[TITLE LEN+1];
      char author[AUTHOR LEN+1];
      int num pages;
    } book;
    struct {
      char design[DESIGN LEN+1];
    } muq;
    struct {
      char design[DESIGN LEN+1];
      int colors;
      int sizes;
    } shirt;
    item;
```

• If c is a catalog_item structure that represents a book, we can print the book's title in the following way:

```
printf("%s", c.item.book.title);
```

• As this example shows, accessing a union that's nested inside a structure can be awkward.

- The catalog_item structure can be used to illustrate an interesting aspect of unions.
- Normally, it's not a good idea to store a value into one member of a union and then access the data through a different member.
- However, there is a special case: two or more of the members of the union are structures, and the structures begin with one or more matching members.
- If one of the structures is currently valid, then the matching members in the other structures will also be valid.

- The union embedded in the catalog_item structure contains three structures as members.
- Two of these (mug and shirt) begin with a matching member (design).
- Now, suppose that we assign a value to one of the design members:

```
strcpy(c.item.mug.design, "Cats");
```

• The design member in the other structure will be defined and have the same value:

```
printf("%s", c.item.shirt.design);
   /* prints "Cats" */
```



Using Unions to Build Mixed Data Structures

- Unions can be used to create data structures that contain a mixture of data of different types.
- Suppose that we need an array whose elements are a mixture of int and double values.
- First, we define a union type whose members represent the different kinds of data to be stored in the array:

```
typedef union {
  int i;
  double d;
} Number;
```



Using Unions to Build Mixed Data Structures

• Next, we create an array whose elements are Number values:

```
Number number array[1000];
```

- A Number union can store either an int value or a double value.
- This makes it possible to store a mixture of int and double values in number array:

```
number_array[0].i = 5;
number_array[1].d = 8.395;
```

- There's no easy way to tell which member of a union was last changed and therefore contains a meaningful value.
- Consider the problem of writing a function that displays the value stored in a Number union:

```
void print_number(Number n)
{
  if (n contains an integer)
    printf("%d", n.i);
  else
    printf("%g", n.d);
}
```

There's no way for print_number to determine whether n contains an integer or a floating-point number.

- In order to keep track of this information, we can embed the union within a structure that has one other member: a "tag field" or "discriminant."
- The purpose of a tag field is to remind us what's currently stored in the union.
- item_type served this purpose in the catalog item structure.

• The Number type as a structure with an embedded union:

```
#define INT_KIND 0
#define DOUBLE_KIND 1

typedef struct {
  int kind;  /* tag field */
  union {
    int i;
    double d;
  } u;
} Number;
```

• The value of kind will be either INT_KIND or DOUBLE KIND.



- Each time we assign a value to a member of u, we'll also change kind to remind us which member of u we modified.
- An example that assigns a value to the i member of u:

```
n.kind = INT_KIND;
n.u.i = 82;
```

n is assumed to be a Number variable.

- When the number stored in a Number variable is retrieved, kind will tell us which member of the union was the last to be assigned a value.
- A function that takes advantage of this capability:

```
void print_number(Number n)
{
  if (n.kind == INT_KIND)
    printf("%d", n.u.i);
  else
    printf("%g", n.u.d);
}
```

- In many programs, we'll need variables that have only a small set of meaningful values.
- A variable that stores the suit of a playing card should have only four potential values: "clubs," "diamonds," "hearts," and "spades."

• A "suit" variable can be declared as an integer, with a set of codes that represent the possible values of the variable:

```
int s;    /* s will store a suit */
...
s = 2;    /* 2 represents "hearts" */
```

- Problems with this technique:
 - We can't tell that s has only four possible values.
 - The significance of 2 isn't apparent.

• Using macros to define a suit "type" and names for the various suits is a step in the right direction:

```
#define SUIT int
#define CLUBS 0
#define DIAMONDS 1
#define HEARTS 2
#define SPADES 3
```

• An updated version of the previous example:

```
SUIT s;
...
s = HEARTS;
```



- Problems with this technique:
 - There's no indication to someone reading the program that the macros represent values of the same "type."
 - If the number of possible values is more than a few, defining a separate macro for each will be tedious.
 - The names CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, and SPADES will be removed by the preprocessor, so they won't be available during debugging.

- C provides a special kind of type designed specifically for variables that have a small number of possible values.
- An *enumerated type* is a type whose values are listed ("enumerated") by the programmer.
- Each value must have a name (an *enumeration constant*).

 Although enumerations have little in common with structures and unions, they're declared in a similar way:

```
enum {CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES} s1, s2;
```

• The names of enumeration constants must be different from other identifiers declared in the enclosing scope.

- Enumeration constants are similar to constants created with the #define directive, but they're not equivalent.
- If an enumeration is declared inside a function, its constants won't be visible outside the function.

Enumeration Tags and Type Names

- As with structures and unions, there are two ways to name an enumeration: by declaring a tag or by using typedef to create a genuine type name.
- Enumeration tags resemble structure and union tags:

```
enum suit {CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES};
```

• suit variables would be declared in the following way:

```
enum suit s1, s2;
```

Enumeration Tags and Type Names

• As an alternative, we could use typedef to make Suit a type name:

```
typedef enum {CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES} Suit; Suit s1, s2;
```

• In C89, using typedef to name an enumeration is an excellent way to create a Boolean type:

```
typedef enum {FALSE, TRUE} Bool;
```

- Behind the scenes, C treats enumeration variables and constants as integers.
- By default, the compiler assigns the integers 0, 1,
 2, ... to the constants in a particular enumeration.
- In the suit enumeration, CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, and SPADES represent 0, 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

• The programmer can choose different values for enumeration constants:

```
enum suit {CLUBS = 1, DIAMONDS = 2,

HEARTS = 3, SPADES = 4};
```

• The values of enumeration constants may be arbitrary integers, listed in no particular order:

```
enum dept {RESEARCH = 20,
PRODUCTION = 10, SALES = 25};
```

• It's even legal for two or more enumeration constants to have the same value.

- When no value is specified for an enumeration constant, its value is one greater than the value of the previous constant.
- The first enumeration constant has the value 0 by default.
- Example:

```
enum EGA_colors {BLACK, LT_GRAY = 7,

DK_GRAY, WHITE = 15};
```

BLACK has the value 0, LT_GRAY is 7, DK_GRAY is 8, and WHITE is 15.



• Enumeration values can be mixed with ordinary integers:

- s is treated as a variable of some integer type.
- CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, and SPADES are names for the integers 0, 1, 2, and 3.



- Although it's convenient to be able to use an enumeration value as an integer, it's dangerous to use an integer as an enumeration value.
- For example, we might accidentally store the number 4—which doesn't correspond to any suit—into s.

Using Enumerations to Declare "Tag Fields"

- Enumerations are perfect for determining which member of a union was the last to be assigned a value.
- In the Number structure, we can make the kind member an enumeration instead of an int:

```
typedef struct {
  enum {INT_KIND, DOUBLE_KIND} kind;
  union {
    int i;
    double d;
  } u;
} Number;
```

Using Enumerations to Declare "Tag Fields"

- The new structure is used in exactly the same way as the old one.
- Advantages of the new structure:
 - Does away with the INT_KIND and DOUBLE_KIND macros
 - Makes it obvious that kind has only two possible values: INT_KIND and DOUBLE_KIND